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MOB INCENDIARISM AT HANKOW.

JAPANESE GODOWNS AFIRE.

HASTY EVACUATION OF RESIDENTS.

POWERS' NOTE TO NATIONALISTS NOT READY.

HOUSE OF COMMONS SCENE.

The Japanese Concession at Hankow is surrounded by mobs which Chinese troops are endeavouring to keep in check, according to a message despatched from Shanghai at midnight. A later report stated that the mob was setting fire to Japanese godowns and the residents of the Concession are hastily evacuating by any vessel available. Also, that Americans are going aboard vessels in the port of Amoy has been practically closed owing to pickets of the Seamen's Union being posted at the Customs House, and at Wanchow preparations are being made for the evacuation of foreigners.

No decision has yet been reached by the Powers regarding the action to be taken as a result of the Nanking outrages and it is doubtful whether one joint Note or separate Notes by each Power will be presented. They are, however, in full agreement as regards the exaction of reparations and an apology from the Nationalists.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Sir Austen Chamberlain made long explanatory answers to many questions concerning various aspects of the China situation.

Shanghai, Apr. 4, midnight.

A Japanese naval wireless message from Hankow states that since this morning the Japanese Concession has been surrounded by Chinese mobs, which Chinese troops are endeavouring to keep in check. It is expected that the evacuation of all Japanese, except the staffs of two firms which are surrounded by pickets, will be completed during the day.

Twenty-five Japanese took refuge on H.M.S. Bee yesterday, remaining on board overnight. There are five Japanese warships at Hankow and three more are hastening there. Three will leave here to-morrow morning, escorting three Japanese steamers which are taking up food supplies.—*Reuter.*

Setting Fire to Godowns.

Later, According to a message from Peking there is intense excitement all over Hankow. The Japanese residents, who number more than 2,000, are hastily evacuating aboard any vessel available, and mobs are setting fire to Japanese godowns.

All Americans are also evacuating aboard vessels in the river.—*Reuter.*

British Naval Help.

Shanghai, April 4. It appears that British naval forces rendered assistance to the Japanese in the course of the fracas and riots at the Japanese Concession at Hankow, yesterday, and the Japanese Admiral this morning conveyed his thanks to the British naval authorities.—*Naval Wireless.*

GEN. TANG SENG-CHI.

Sides With Communists.

Shanghai, April 4. General Tang Seng-chi has now definitely taken the side of the Communist Party, according to reliable advices received here. The local situation is unchanged.—*Naval Wireless.*

AMOY PICKETS ACTIVE.

Port Practically Closed.

Amoy, April 4. The port was practically closed to-day by the action of pickets posted by the Seamen's Union at the Customs House.

Fortunately, signs of anti-foreign violence have not been exhibited.—*Naval Wireless.*

All Normal.

Foochow, Ningbo and Weichow are all normal.—*Naval Wireless.*

COMMON'S QUESTIONS.

The Nanking Reports.

London, April 4. In the House of Commons, replying to a number of questions by Labour Members, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that no negotiations were proceeding concerning the future position of Britishers in Nanking, from which place all foreigners had been brought out and where the attitude of the Nationalists towards foreigners was becoming increasingly truculent.

According to the Consul General's report, the general Chinese belief was that only three civilians were killed by the bombardment and the damage to Chinese property was infinitesimal. An intermittent bombardment lasted for 70 minutes, and 75 shells were fired by H.M.S. Emerald and about the same by the two American destroyers. According to the latest information, three British, one American, one French and one Italian were killed, one American was wounded, two Japanese were killed and three wounded. Nothing could be further from the truth than Mr. Eugene Chen's assertion that one hundred Chinese were killed for every foreigner killed.

Britain was consulting with the United States, Japan, France and Italy as regards Nanking.

Replying to a Conservative, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that he had no evidence to fix the responsibility of the recent events at Nanking and elsewhere on particular Soviet agents, but the anti-foreign and particularly anti-British feeling was undoubtedly encouraged and stimulated from Moscow.

Hankow Crisis Expected.

Sir Austen said that the situation at Hankow was easier, but a further crisis was approaching. Steps were being taken to reduce the British to a minimum, and the United States was evacuating its nationals as soon as possible. As regards Shanghai, it was understood that a Communist Government had been provisionally established outside the Settlement. Indeed, there was reason to believe that there are two Chinese Governments more or less established.

Britishers Warned.

As regards Britishers in the interior of China, Sir Austen Chamberlain pointed out that they had been warned to withdraw time and time again since November, and all who disregarded that advice had been warned to do so at their own risk and responsibility. It was thought that there were not more than 200 British still in the interior.

Sir Austen asked for notice of a question whether that warning was extended to Britishers at Nanking, and he replied in the negative to a question by Col. Wedgwood as to whether the Britishers warned to leave included the people at Tientsin.

The French Concession.

As regards Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's offer to assume responsibility for the Nanking outrages and to compensate, Sir Austen Chamberlain said he was not prepared to make a statement regarding the steps Britain might have to take after consultation with other authorities.

Sir Austen also said that the British had not undertaken to defend the French Concession at Shanghai, but, replying to enquiries by the French Commander whether, if pressed, he could call on British assistance, Major General John Duncan said he would co-operate if the French line were endangered.—*Reuter.*

Military Casualties Not Known.

London, April 4. In the course of his replies to questions in the House of Commons Sir Austen Chamberlain also said that it was not possible to ascertain the number of military casualties at Nanking during the bombardment, but these took place solely among the troops engaged in attacking the foreigners on the Standard Oil Hill. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek had, however, told a number of press correspondents at Shanghai that the estimated casualties suffered by the Chinese were six killed and 15 wounded.

The British casualties were three killed, those being Dr. Smith, Mr. Huber and naval Seaman Knox.

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DOUBLE TRAGEDY AT NANKING.

TWO CATHOLIC FATHERS MURDERED.

SHOT BY SOLDIERS.

Details of the cold-blooded murder of the two Fathers, who were shot to death in Nanking, have come to Shanghai from eye-witnesses, says the N. C. Daily News. They had no chance for their lives and were entirely unaware of the trouble when shot dead.

The first, the Italian Father, had just completed his breakfast after having said early morning mass. His servant brought him the news, while still at the table, that the Southerners had arrived. Calmly and collectedly the worthy priest walked to the door. His assassins stood in the yard, demonstrative and full of hate toward the Church and religion. They made no reference to the cause, asked for no money and appeared to have malice only for their intended victim, whom they did not know.

When he appeared in the doorway, the Communists, in uniform, opened fire, and he fell dead at their feet.

The noise of the shooting aroused his comrade the French Father, who came to help his unfortunate brother. As soon as he came in sight, the soldiers fired another volley without questions or demands.

He fell mortally wounded, and died at 6 o'clock that night, just about the time the main body of refugees reached their ships in harbour.

Two other Fathers in the house managed to make good their escape and hid in the fields to be rescued much later by a landing party from the French warship Alerte.

STREET FOOTBALL.

A GROWING NUISANCE.

As a result of a number of complaints regarding the obstruction and noise caused by Chinese playing football in the streets, the police are watching out for offenders in order to put a stop to the nuisance.

This morning a Chinese was summoned by Sergeant Baker for playing football in the Carlton Hotel. Sergeant Baker informed the magistrate that there were six others engaged in a game. Defendant was the first to see him and gave the others warning to run away.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$4 or five days' imprisonment.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

TEN DEATHS FROM SMALL-POX.

The Colony's health return for the past week shows that there were ten Chinese cases of small-pox notified, all ending fatally.

There were four cases of typhoid fever (one imported British case and three Chinese), of which three were fatal; whilst two cases of diphtheria (one Chinese) were notified, with one death; and one fatal Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever.

The return for yesterday shows one Chinese case of diphtheria.

DISARMAMENT.

JAPAN'S CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE.

Tokyo, April 4. Subject to the Emperor's approval, it has been decided that Baron Ishii, Japanese Ambassador at Paris, will represent the Foreign Office, with Mr. Saburi, the Chief of the Treaty Bureau, as Chief Secretary, at the coming Three-Power Disarmament Conference.—*Reuter.*

TO-DAY.

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CHIANG TALKS.

AMERICAN POLICY CRITICISED.

THE NANKING INCIDENT.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, commander-in-chief of the Nationalist Armies, believes that in the bombardment of Nanking the United States of America definitely aligned itself with the forces seeking to "oppress" China, that he can "personally" guarantee the safety of the lives and property of every American in China, that he is in control of the labour situation in Shanghai and will suppress all irregular movements, that there are some differences in the ranks of the Kuomintang forces and in charge of the Shanghai situation now and will remain in charge despite the organization of the so-called provisional council.

These—and other statements—were among his declarations made in a private interview granted representatives of the China Press last Wednesday.

Marshal Chiang is surrounded by far more formally than he affects himself. The reporters were met at the gate of the foreign office enclosure by armed guards. They were taken to a small office at the gate entrance of the foreign office headquarters where they were left under the guard of several Nationalist soldiers carrying Mauser pistols in their hands—in every case the trigger finger resting on the trigger.

Safety Guaranteed.

"Are the Nationalists in control of the labour situation in Shanghai, by that meaning that your troops are in charge and responsible for whatever may happen here?" Marshal Chiang was asked.

"Yes," he replied. "I will suppress all irregular movements." "Do you personally guarantee the safety of the lives and property of all Americans in Shanghai?" was the next question.

"Yes, I do," he answered in emphatic tones.

"Have you told Brigadier General Butler of the United Marine Corps that you can guarantee the safety of American lives and property here?" Marshal Chiang was asked. The answer was "No."

Further questions and answers included the following:

Q. "Dispatches to-day report the arrest of 70 of your personal adherents, including many students of the Whampoa Military Academy in Hankow." Does this presuppose an active split in the Kuomintang ranks between you and the Hankow group?"

A. "That is the first I have heard about it—I have had no official news and consequently cannot say anything."

Discord Denied.

Q. "Is any break to your knowledge imminent in the ranks of the Nationalist party?"

A. "No." Q. "Is it true that there are groups among the Nationalists who are not favourable to you—is it true that the Right and Left Wings of the Party are not working in harmony?"

A. "There are some differences, yes. But the party leaders are working in harmony—there is no great discord."

Foreign Affairs.

Q. "What are the immediate plans of the Nationalist Government in Shanghai?"

A. "Regarding foreign affairs there is at present a committee devoted to it. There are many committees handling many branches of the government. When the period of reorganization comes these bodies will take it over."

Q. "As foreigners understand it, there is existent now a state of martial law. Does that mean that you personally right now are the dictator of Shanghai?"

A. "The military authorities are now in power."

Q. "How about this provisional council which was recently named—are they functioning or are you?"

A. "The provisional council is not functioning—the military authorities are in control. I am at present conducting an investigation on this question and am getting into touch with Hankow about it—there seem to be some things upon which Hankow is not well informed."

INFLUX OF CHINESE CONTINUES.

THE LATEST SHIPPING RETURNS.

SURPLUS OF OVER 3,700.

A steady influx of Chinese into the Colony continues to be reported, although on not so marked a scale as was experienced a month ago.

During the week ended March 27th the total number of Chinese passengers arriving by ocean-going steamers and river boats was 33,217, of which 27,252 came under the latter heading.

The departures during the same period totalled 37,235, being divided into 19,401 by ocean steamers and 26,884 by river craft.

There was thus a surplus of 392 who remained in the Colony.

A previous report disclosed that for the period from March 8th to March 20th there was an excess of inward over outward passengers totalling 2,811. It will thus be seen that during the three weeks covered by the reports, the Colony's Chinese increased by over 3,700.

STOLEN HAT.

THEFT FROM SINCERE'S.

Major C. Willson this morning sentenced a Chinese to three weeks' hard labour for stealing a hat from the Sincere Company's store. Defendant was seen by one of the assistants looking furtively round from counter to counter and later he slowly approached the hat counter, took a hat and calmly walked out with the hat on his head. He was chased and arrested.

Defendant said he did not steal the hat. He went to Sincere's to buy one, but they proved to be too expensive, so he intended to go away without buying. On leaving the counter, he meant to take away his own hat, but, it being rather dark, and being blind in one eye, he made a mistake.

CONSTABLE DESERTS.

SENT TO PRISON FOR FOUR MONTHS.

A Chinese constable who deserted from the Police Force in November, 1925, was this morning sentenced by Major C. Willson to four months' hard labour.

Mr. W. le B. Sparrow, A.S.P., who prosecuted, said the defendant applied for leave to go to the country to get married, but the authorities could not grant him leave. Eventually he was given forty-eight hours' leave but he did not return. He was arrested on the 3rd March this year, outside the Post Office.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the charge. Mr. Sparrow pointed out to his Worship that in one year's service the defendant had thirty black marks against him.

HARBOUR COLLISION.

TWO LAUNCHES DAMAGED.

The Kowloon Dock steam launch K.5 was in collision with the Harbour Office launch H.O.2, alongside Queen's Pier yesterday forenoon, when both craft were berthing.

The K.5 overran and bumped the stern of the other boat, which was forced to the Praya Wall. The Dock launch suffered damage to her bows and the Harbour Department launch sustained bulged plates, but continued on service.

WIRELESS LINK.

LONDON-MELBOURNE SERVICE.

London, April 4. Direct and continuous wireless communication between London and Melbourne will be established on April 8th, when the Anglo-Australian beam service will be opened to the public.—*Reuter.*

SHANGHAI MOB.

REMOVES FRENCH GATES.

INVADERS FIRED AT.

An incident that might have had most unpleasant results occurred in the French Concession just before midnight on Tuesday, (says the N. C. Daily News of Thursday last) when parties of loafers and Cantonese plain clothes men made a sortie on several of the high picket-gates on the Boulevard des Deux Republiques. One Chinese is understood to have been shot by a sergeant on guard. Several of the gates were removed by the mob, but whether they were carried away has not been stated.

According to official reports, the mob gathered near barricades and by pretext and other means reached the barriers without encountering any resistance. Another statement has it that there were only a few defenders on duty and that they either had no adequate means of resistance, or did not utilize them.

Gates Rushed.

The mob then rushed the gates, took several off their hinges and made an entry into the Concession. It appears that about this time a sergeant got into action and fired his pistol, wounding one Chinese, who was later removed. This presumably had a deterrent effect as apparently there was no further attempt to come in by the crowd.

In the meantime the Defence Force on this side of the Avenue have not been idle, and on Wednesday they began the construction of a full line of barbed wire entanglements. Intermeshed, from post-to-post, two-deep the footpaths from the Bund westward. The defence is being placed on the outside of the footpath, and a space of three or more feet is left for pedestrians on the inside. At present the construction extends well beyond Tibet Road. No information has been received of the length of the new line, considering the other defensive measures which have been constructed, one may judge that it will extend to Avenue Haig.

New Defences.

Motorists driving along Avenue Edward VII were doubtless surprised to see the new redoubts built at several of the interesting roads. They are of a man's height, built of sand bags and form a complete circle, with a reinforcing line at the rear. They are the latest thing in street defence work.

At the barricades in the residence district, the gates have been wired nearly three feet higher than the supporting flanks, while, in front of many, sand bag shelters have also been placed.

Sienwei Creek Unguarded.

At the French headquarters officials "poo-pooed" the whole affair and did not state that gates had been removed. There had been a midnight tea-party, according to one official, and a slight disturbance resulted when students and labourers tried to bring their tables and stools through the barriers. It was a matter of no importance and nothing untoward occurred, was his concluding remark.

While on this subject, the account of the experiences of a representative of this journal might be of interest. About midnight on Tuesday he drove his car along Route de Zikawei between Route Ghisi and points nearer town. He tried to raise an alarm at several of the sand bag emplacements, but could not rouse anyone. On inspecting the interior of the compounds he saw no one—no rifles or equipment of any kind. In the hope of getting a response to his visits, he tried the last and fifth point and at long last roused up two Chinese policemen. The barbed wires along the creek had been cut at intervals to permit landing of cargo from boats, which formed a bridge over the creek.

Uninformed Communists.

While the regulations of the International Settlement prohibit a person in uniform from entering armed or unarmed, Chiang Kai-shek alone being excepted—has a pass for himself and a bodyguard of 10 armed men—the French permit more or less open ingress egress to and from the City. Not a few complaints have been made of uniformed Communists in the Concession.

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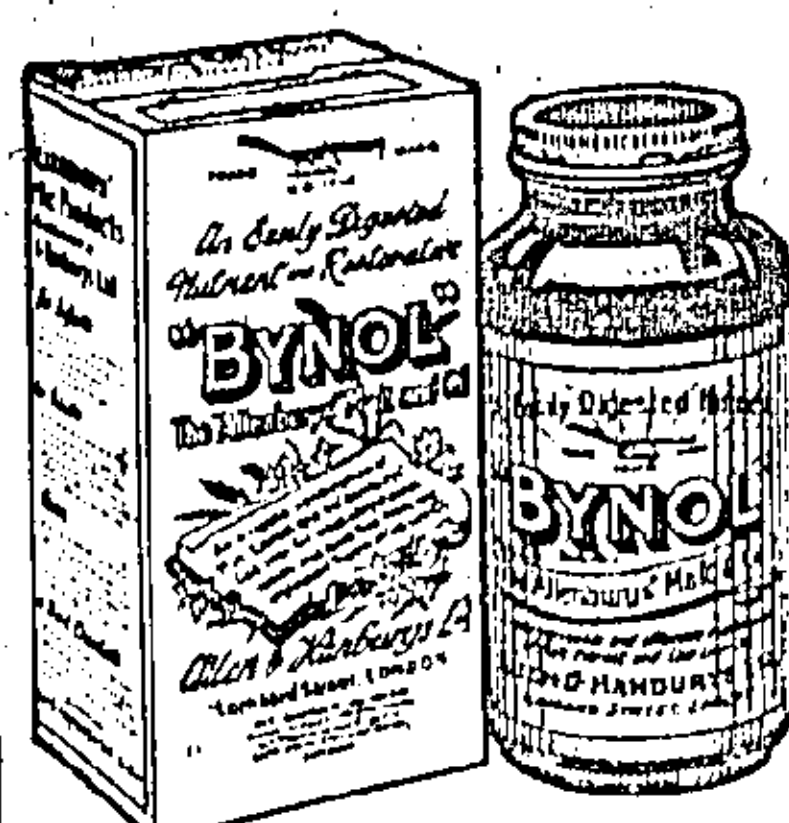
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CHINA CRISIS.

THE HANKOW INCIDENT.

Shanghai, April 4, 5.35 p.m.
A Japanese wireless message from Hankow states that five Japanese civilians and five sailors were carried off by the mob during the incident at the Japanese Concession yesterday and are still missing. It is believed that one was later murdered and thrown into the river.

Several Japanese houses in the Japanese concession were destroyed, while the houses of those living in the Chiakow suburb of Hankow were surrounded by Chinese pickets.

Tang Song-chih, the garrison commander, late last night called on the Consul General and apologized and promised to do his utmost to endeavour to maintain peace and order in the Concession and repeated the request which had been previously flatly rejected that the landing party should be evacuated, on the ground that this would calm the populace and prevent a possible clash. The Consul General again refused.

The message adds that the Chinese guards who were despatched to the border of the Concession for the purpose of giving protection to the Concession deliberately fired on the Japanese.—*Reuter.*

No Peace With Dishonour.

Tokyo, April 4, 6.40 p.m.
"Peace policy may be all right but we cannot let Chinese mobs bring injury and harm to our nationals and their property, while we lie calmly back with a non-resistance principle on our lips. We desire the Government to decide some clear-cut definite action," is the statement credited to Viscount Shibusawa, Japan's "Grand Old Man" of commerce and industry when calling on Wakaatsuki Shidehara, urging that adequate steps be taken to protect Japanese interests in China.—*Reuter.*

Japanese Policy.

Shanghai, April 4.
The Japanese evacuation of Hankow again emphasises the valuelessness of the Nationalist promises of protection of foreigners.

The events leading to the situation which compelled the evacuation were almost precisely similar to those leading to the "capture" of the British Concession.

First there was a campaign of pinpricks against the Japanese: a policy of making things generally uncomfortable, then the cultivation in the lower-class Chinese of an attitude of insolence and insult, for which there was no reason, for the Japanese, like the British, studiously refrained from giving cause for offence. Finally there was an effort by a mob to take the Concession by violence—an effort which ceased immediately it was met by force.

Most of the Japanese here and elsewhere in the Yangtze Valley who are in touch with the realities of the situation, favour intervention. So, it is understood, do the Japanese War Office and Admiralty, but the Foreign Office, which has been influenced a good deal by big business interests, have, up to the present been reluctant to take any step which might result in the diversion to the Japanese of part of the hostility hitherto directed toward the British. And, of course, there are other obvious considerations which have been dictating the Japanese policy of extreme patience and forbearance.

However, the latest affair at Hankow, added to Nanking, is undoubtedly shaking the position of the non-interventionists. The Japanese Consul General at Shanghai is despatching to Hankow foodstuffs for Japanese nationals.—*Reuter.*

Chungking Affray.

Shanghai, April 4.
A wireless message from Chungking states that American naval guards from the U. S. S. Monocacy,

who were on board the American steamer Chiman, used machine guns and wounded three of a mob of sampan coolies trying to take possession of the steamer.—*Reuter.*

Shanghai Labour Demands.

Shanghai, April 4.
The local labour situation continues disturbed. The General Labour Union is feverishly busy organising and framing demands and manifestoes.

It ordered one Japanese cotton mill to replace all its female workers by males. The management refused and began a lock-out. The Union is now demanding as compensation for the lock-out three years' wages for each worker.—*Reuter.*

Shanghai, April 4, 4.15 p.m.

Bannerettes with anti-British slogans printed on both sides in Chinese and English now stretch across all the roads leading from Chapei to the Settlement. They are defiantly put up in full view close to the British troops holding the barriers. They contain such sentiments as "Down with the British," "Avenge the Chinese killed by the British in Nanking," "Evacuate British Troops and Warships from Shanghai or Suffer."

Exodus Continues.

Shanghai, April 4, 5.35 p.m.
British and American residents of Kailan have been evacuated to Tientsin to which city British and American women of Tsinanfu are also flocking, while the exodus of foreign women and children from Peking continues.—*Reuter.*

Home Comment.

London, April 4.
The Cantonese threat to Peking and the British Government's decision to send another brigade to China, which will bring the Shanghai Defence Force to about 23,000 men, also the general suspense and gravity of the situation in the Far East, are the chief items in this morning's news pages.

The Daily Telegraph speaks of the necessity for preparedness for yet more serious developments in China, so that the need for reinforcing the defence force is self-evident. It adds that if Britain must act independently regarding redress for the Nanking atrocities, neither the will nor the means to do so are wanting.

The Westminster Gazette says that concerted action by the Powers must be taken if the situation is not to get out of hand completely, and adds that a concerted, liberal policy alone promises a stable solution for the future.

Mr. Arthur Ponsonby in an interview with the Daily Herald urges immediate resumption of diplomatic negotiation.—*Reuter.*

Bolshevists to Blame.

London, April 4, 10.20 a.m.
The Daily Chronicle in an editorial says that the inspirers of the Nanking outrages were evidently of the Bolshevik wing of the Nationalist movement, whose motive is to embroil us with Nationalism and to undo the Hankow agreement.

In proportion as we are led to take hostile action against the Cantonese forces we do the very thing they want. Moreover between them and Chiang Kai-shek there is a struggle for supremacy. Chiang's success would be in our interest, but should we help it by hurling military threats at his head?

These considerations apply more or less to all forms of blockade or attack hitherto mooted. The Chronicle concludes by saying that it is not that there is no way out, but that it needs the most careful searching.—*Reuter.*

Following the gift to the nation of High Down, Isle of Wight, as a memorial to Alfred Lord Tennyson, the council of the Poetry Society appeal for the similar preservation of Aldworth, the poet's Surrey home, which is to be sold shortly.

OIL PROSECUTIONS.

FORTY-SIX SUITS FILED BY U. S. GOVERNMENT.

Washington, April 4.
The Government has filed suit against forty-six oil refining companies, including the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and Indianapolis, wherein it prays for the issuance of a decree adjudging that the system of cross licenses also the "cracking" process of agreement is unlawful, both constituting an agreement to fix prices.—*Reuter's American Service.*

POLAND'S INDUSTRY.

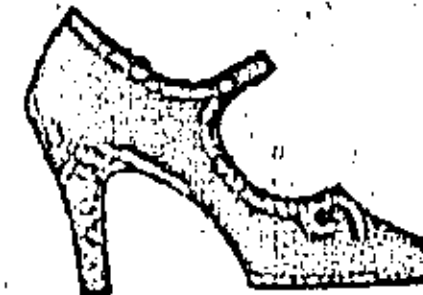
£4,000,000 LOAN TO MODERNISE FOUNDRIES.

Warsaw, April 4.
A syndicate of Polish Upper Silesian foundries has signed a preliminary agreement for a loan of £4,000,000 for the modernising of their foundries, with an American continental corporation closely connected with the Harriman European interests.

The syndicate will be under the control of the American group.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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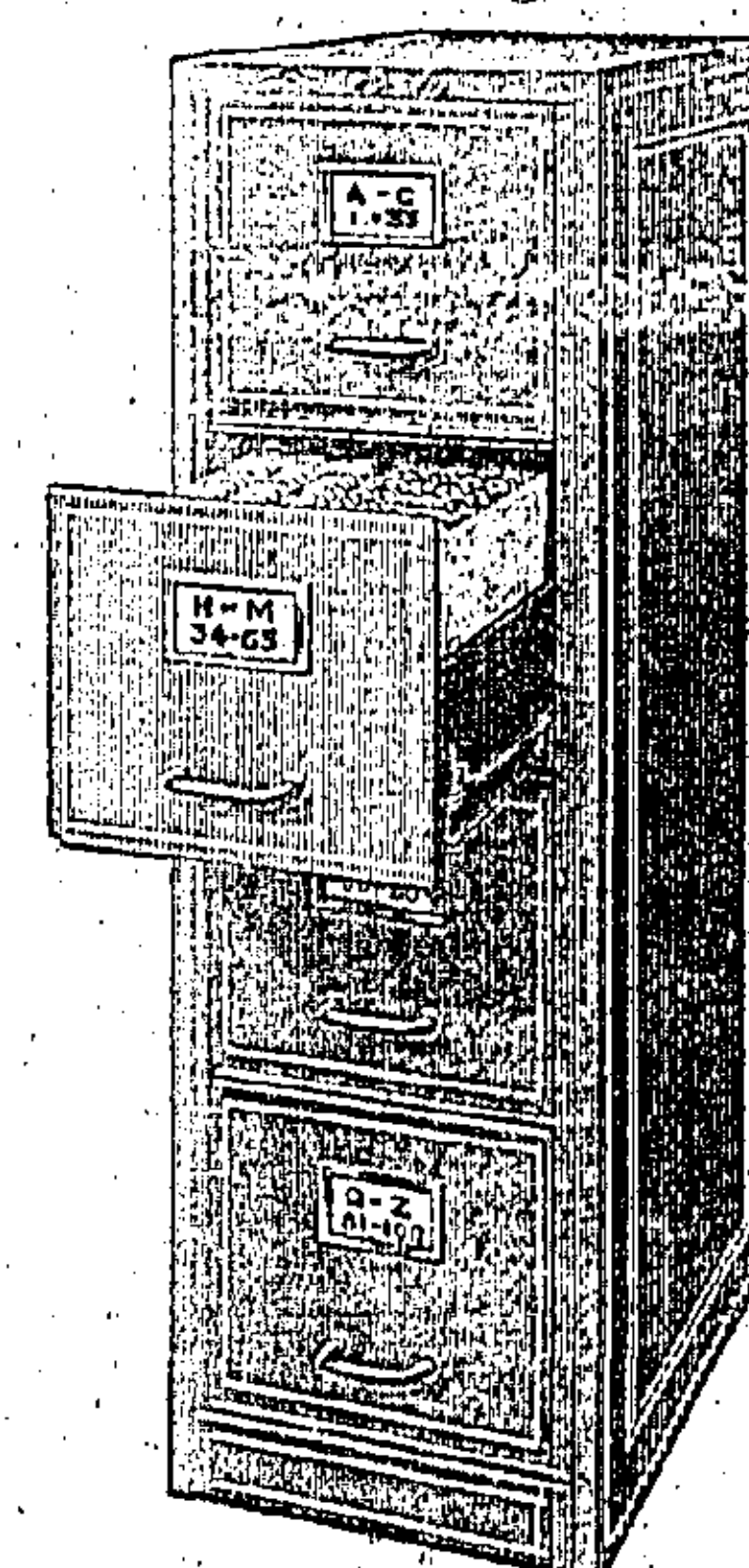
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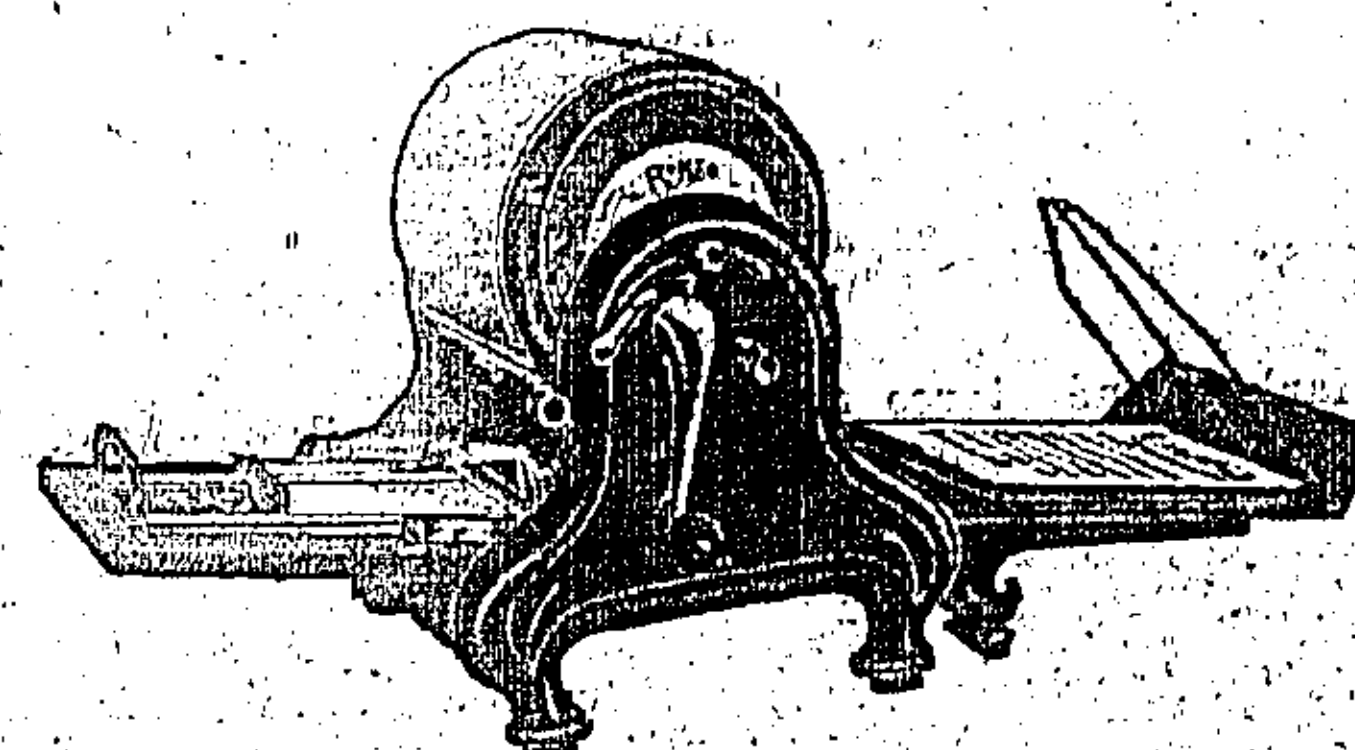
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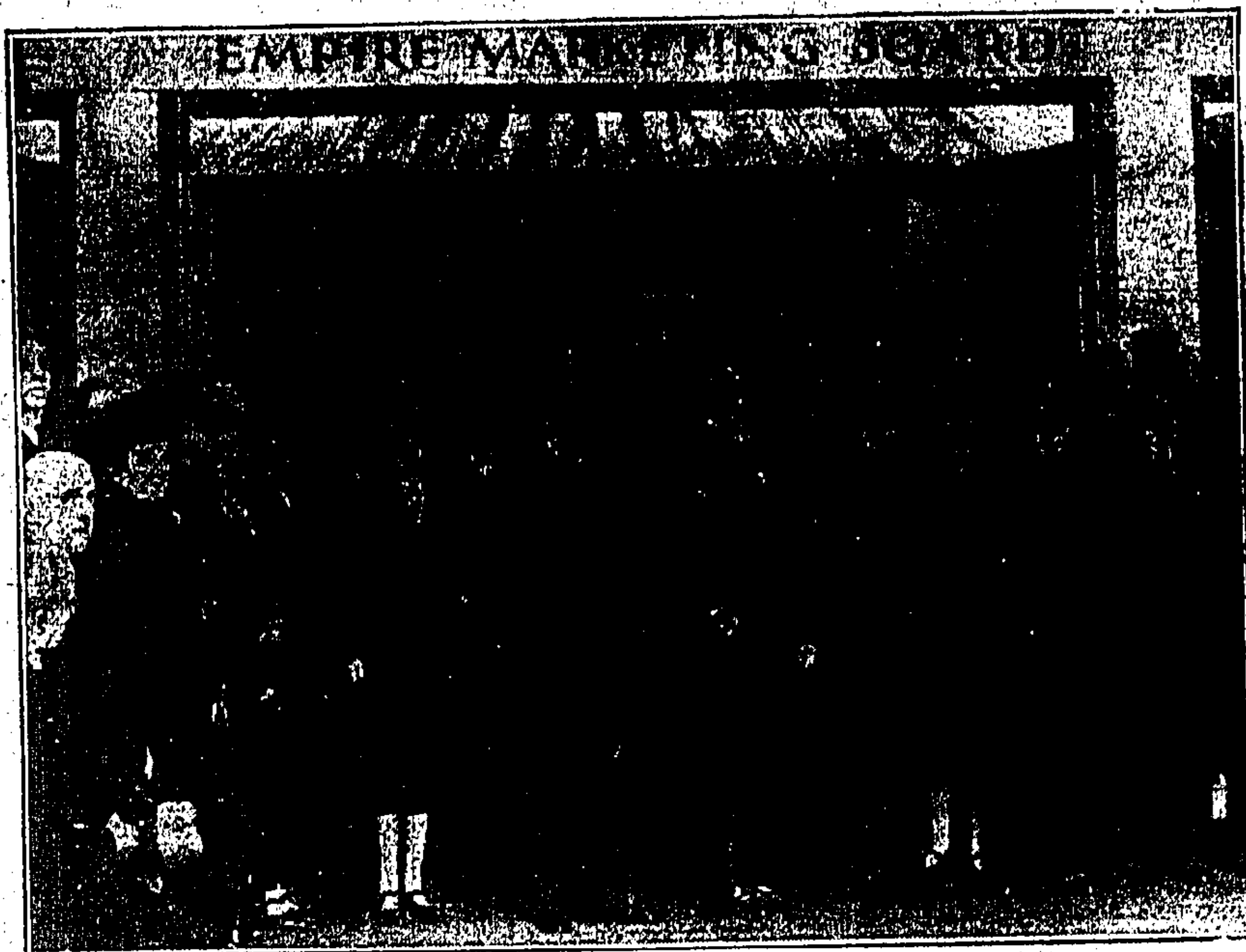
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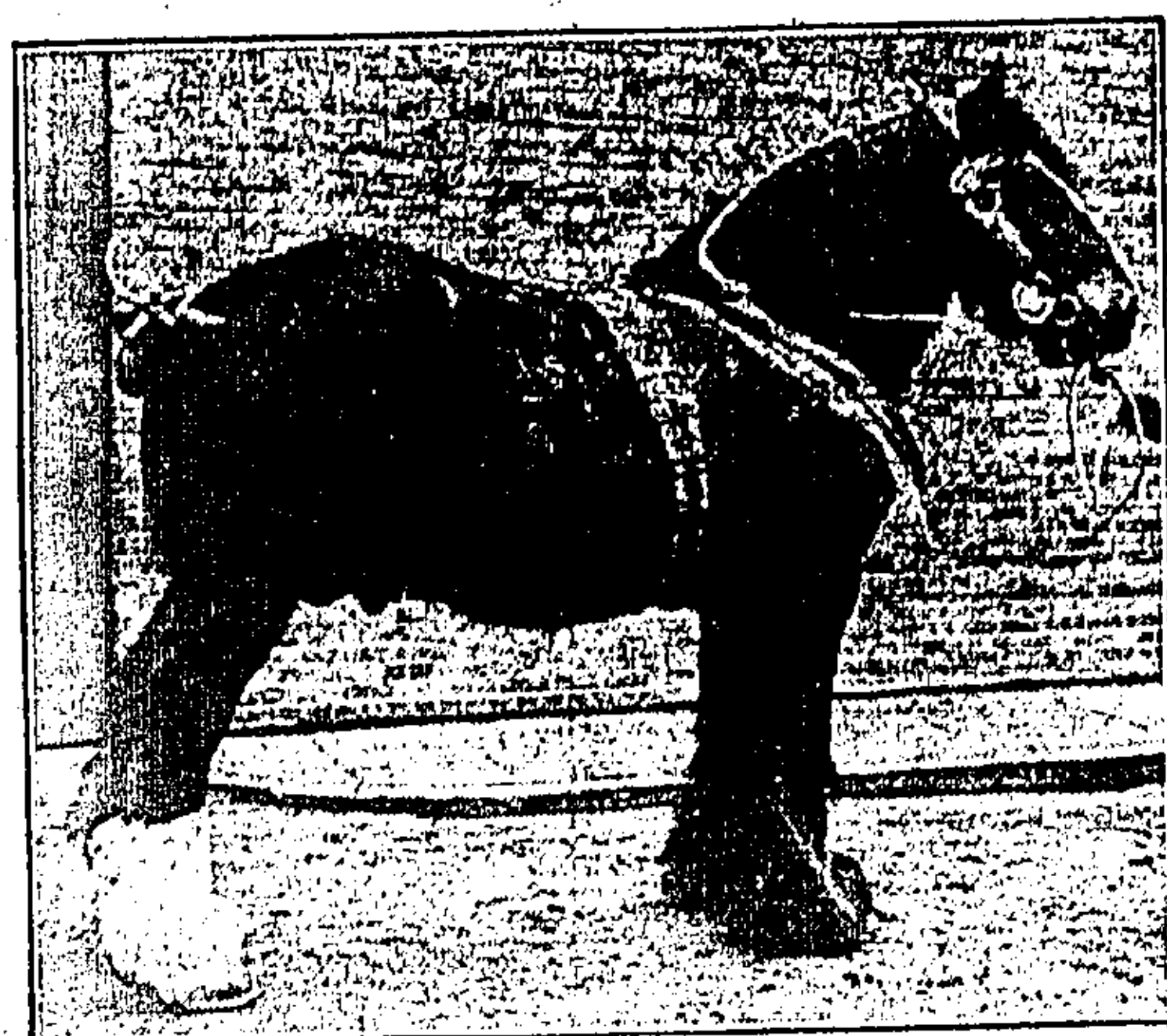
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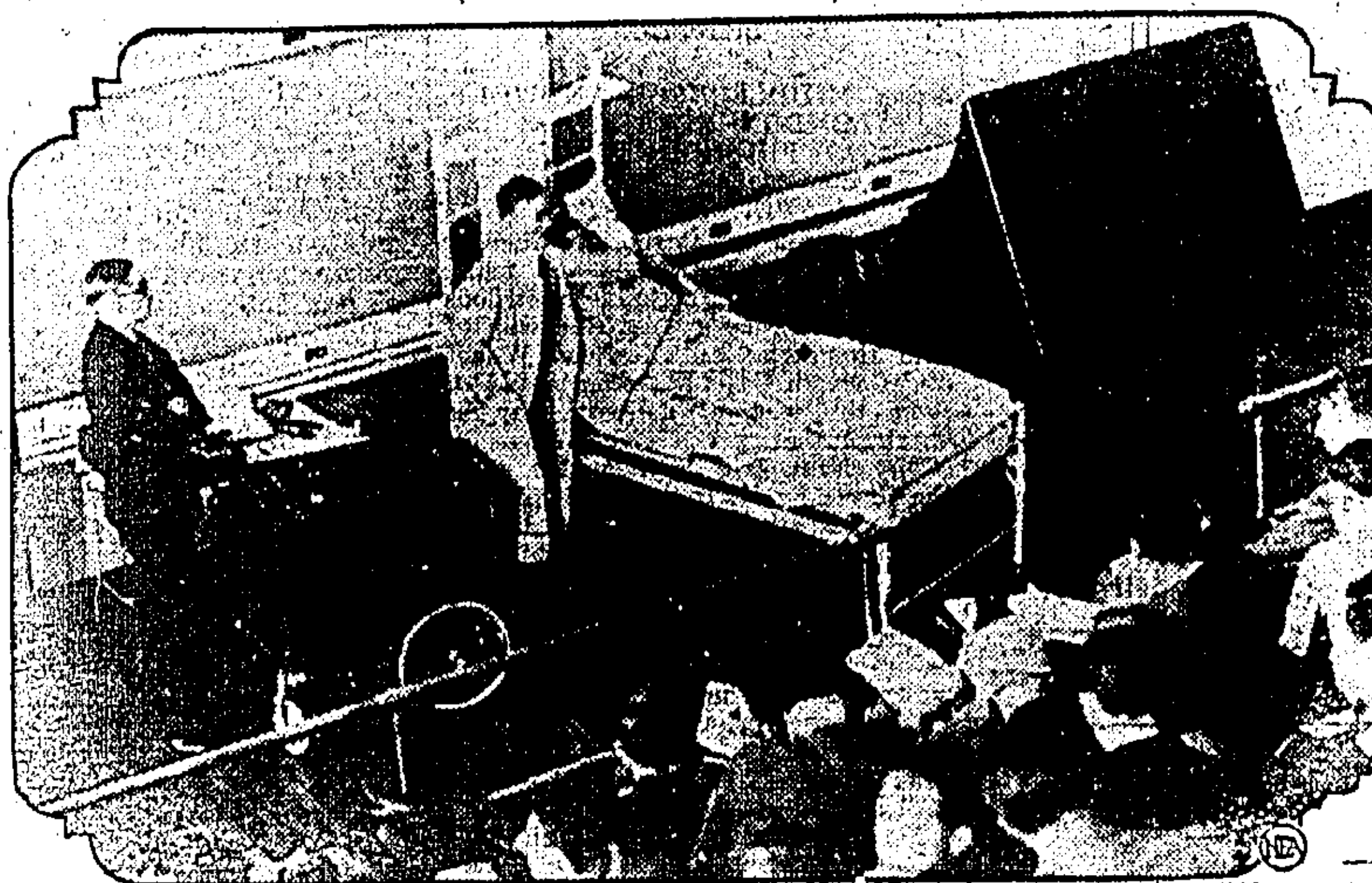
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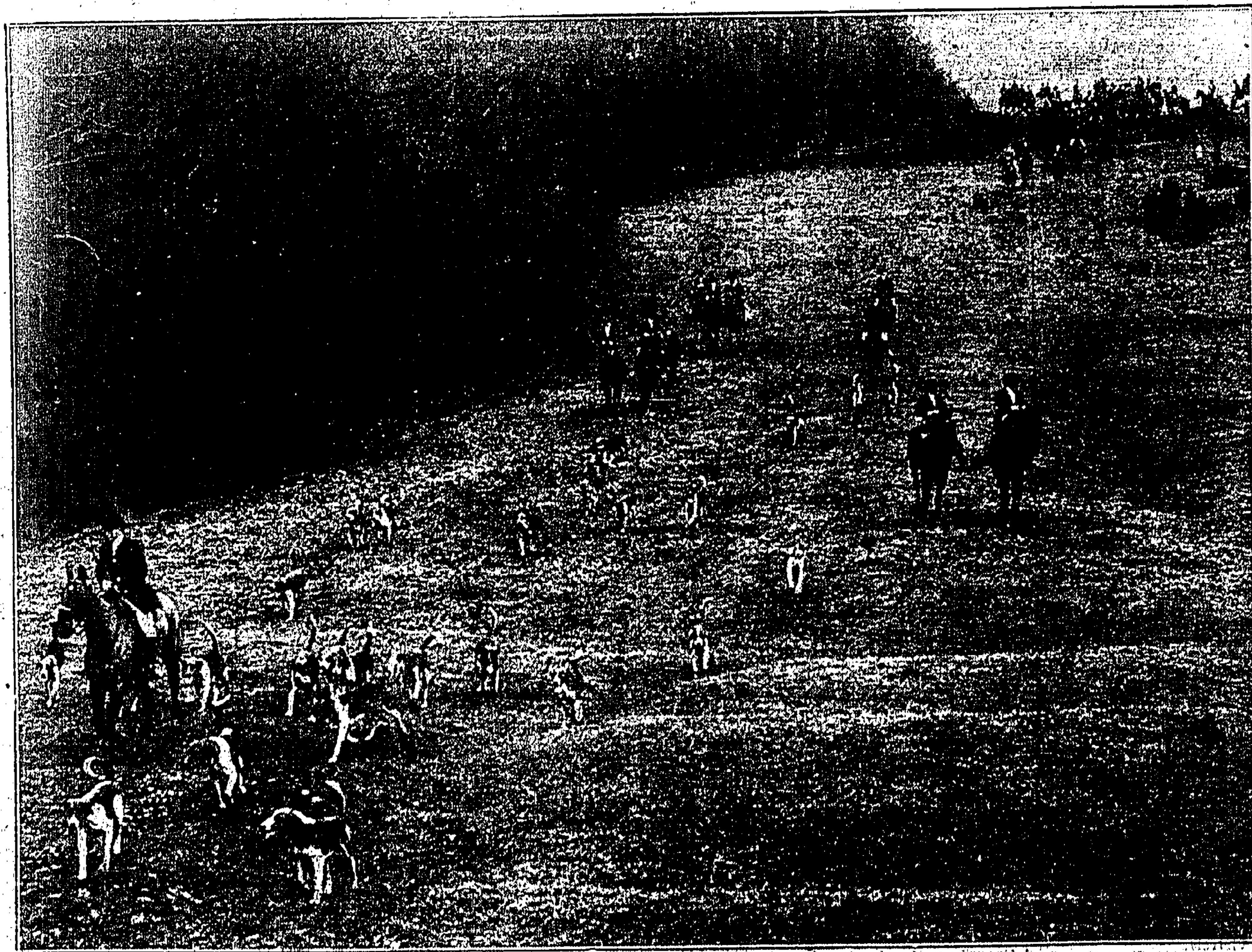
WINS FIRST PRIZE.—Of all the handsome pups in the recent Boston Dog Show, "Wild Oaks," wire-haired fox terrier of Mr. R. C. Bondy, of New York, was adjudged the best. And the grand prize biscuit for which all his competitors yelped so enviously, came to him.



SHIRE HORSE SHOW AT ISLINGTON.—Mr. J. Morris Belcher's Eaton Premier King, winner of the first prize for four-year-old stallions at the Shire Horse Show, Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington. (Times copyright).



THUNDERING HEART BEATS.—"Stepped up" through a stethoscope and a powerful electric amplifier, the heart throbs of a patient at the University of Pennsylvania medical school at Philadelphia sounded sometimes like thunder, sometimes like the pound of horses' hoofs, sometimes like the echo of a child's cry. This pictures the demonstration and the sophomore and junior medical students for whose enlightenment it was arranged.



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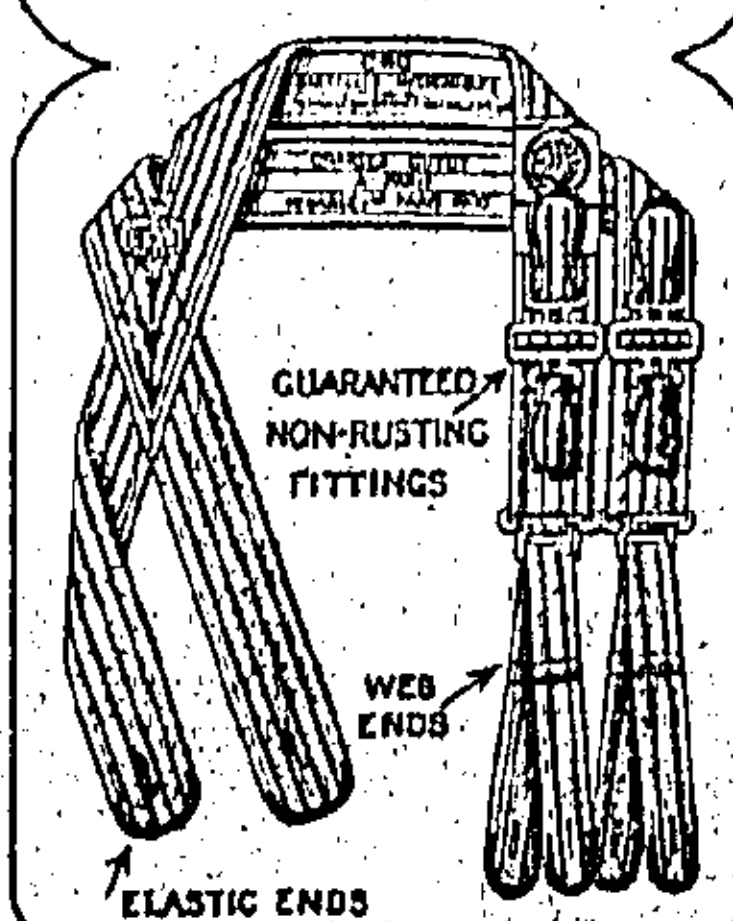
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CATHOLIC MISSION.
NOTICE.
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- (1) To receive the Report of the Committee, and statement of Accounts for the past year.
- (2) To elect the Officers Committee for the ensuing year.
- (3) To transact any other business. All members are requested to attend.

M. KACKER,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, April 4th, 1927.

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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

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I wholeheartedly support Mr. Arnold Bennett, who has charged the young novelists with laziness, because I have recently been brought in contact with several clever writers who apparently were in close association with Awfully Clever Writers, and reflected in their conversation and in their books the influence of those ladies and gentlemen.

They were quite nice to me. But I had the feeling that they were rather sorry for me, because I have sold so many books and made, according to a popular report, so much money. They were sorry for me because I hadn't a Message. I just wrote about people shooting other people, and the wrong man being suspected until the last page. And there is no Message in that kind of story, except, of course, the Message which I am passing on all the time: "Keep out of the hands of the police."

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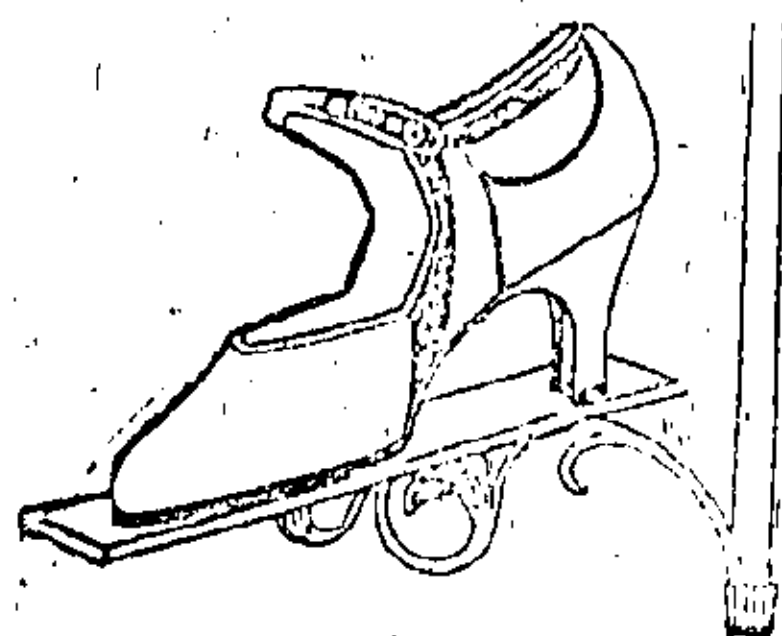
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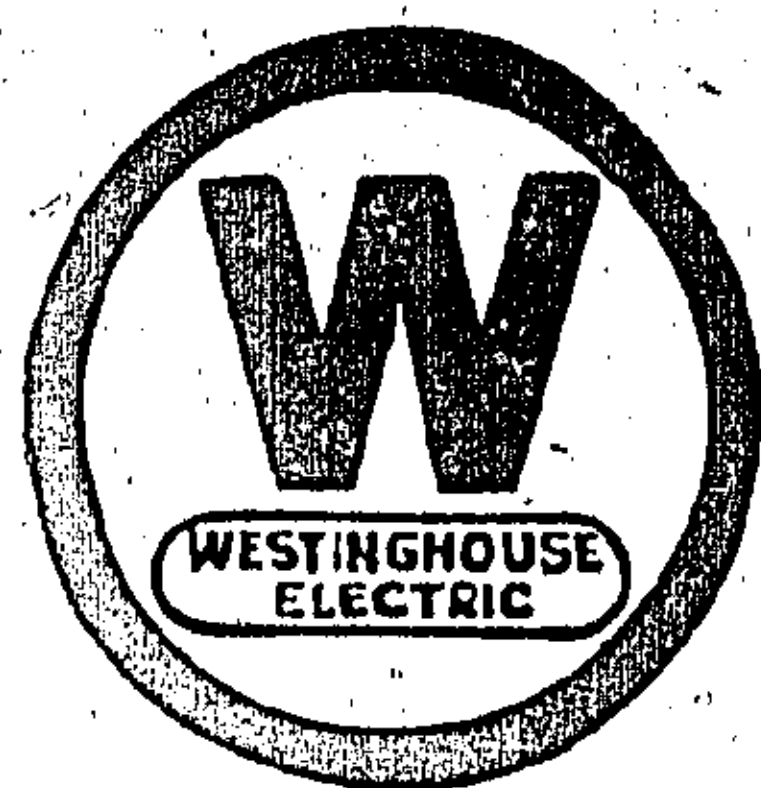
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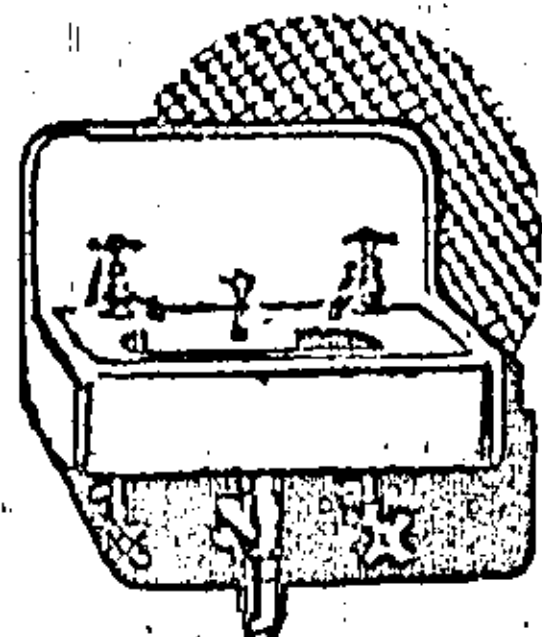


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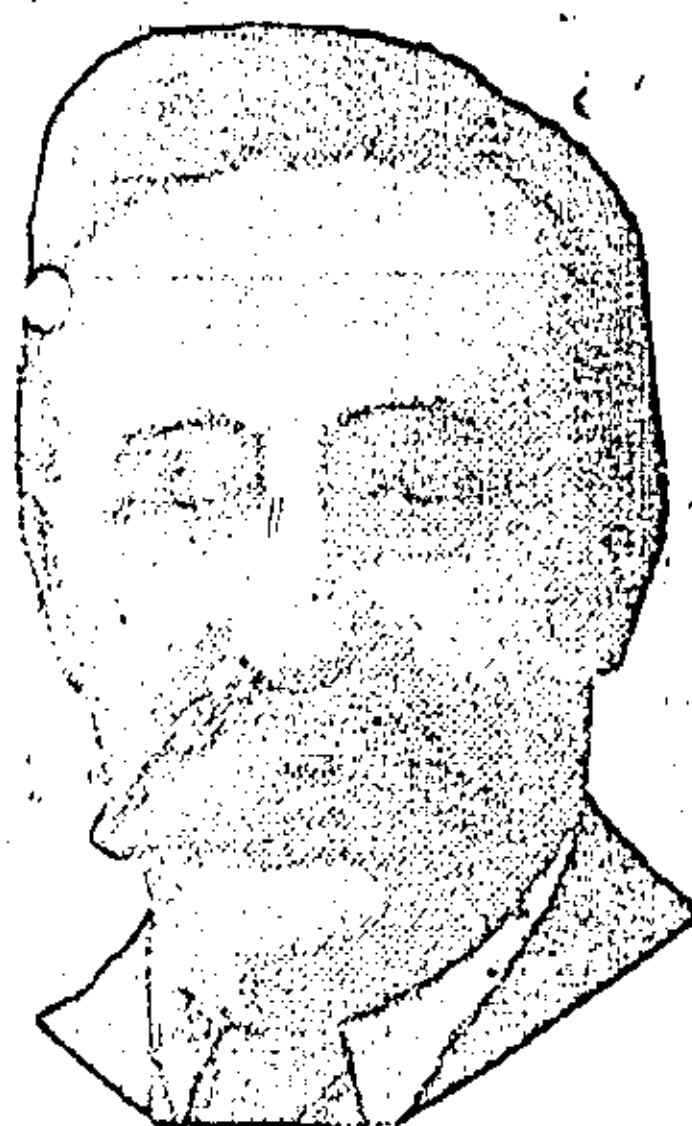
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K.C.C. PRESENTATION TO
OLD MEMBER.

A well known resident of Kowloon in Mr. Donald M. Neilson, of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, is leaving the Colony to-morrow on the s.s. Glenkerry on retirement. Mr. Neilson, who has resided in the Colony for over twenty years, was a member of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club.

He took a very great interest in the activities of the Kowloon Cricket Club some years ago, and some of the older members with whom he was associated on the General Committee felt that they could not let the occasion pass without expressing in tangible form their appreciation of his services and their good wishes for a long and happy retirement in the homeland.

Last night Mr. Neilson was presented at the Kowloon Cricket Club with a handsome wallet and a gold mounted cigar holder.

An Active Member.

The Vice-President (Mr. Ezra Abraham), made the presentation in a few well-chosen words. He mentioned that Mr. Neilson arrived in the Colony twenty-one years ago and almost as soon as he came, joined the Kowloon Cricket Club. Up till about two years ago he had always been an active member and had taken a great interest in the welfare of the Club. For thirteen years he had served on the General Committee and for eleven years was convener of the Bar Sub-Committee.

Keenly interested in sport, he was a very enthusiastic bowler and golfer and had played for Scotland against other national teams. Mr. Abraham said they were all very sorry to lose such an old and valued member and he expressed the hope that Mr. and Mrs. Neilson would live for very many years to enjoy their retirement in the homeland. On behalf of a few old members of the Kowloon Cricket Club he had great pleasure in asking his acceptance of the wallet and cigar holder and wished him *bon voyage*. (Applause).

Three hearty cheers, followed by a "tiger" and the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," accompanied the acceptance of the gifts.

Mr. Neilson's Reply.

Mr. Neilson feelingly responded. The memento he had been given that night, would, he said, remind him of the many very happy times he had spent at the Kowloon Cricket Club. He had always had the interests of the K.C.C. at heart since he joined on his arrival twenty-one years ago. He remembered that he joined the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Kowloon Cricket Club the same night and had been a member of both ever since. In the past he had done a lot of hard work for the Club, and was very pleased to feel that his services had been appreciated. He trusted that the traditions of the Club would be carried on and fully maintained by the younger members. He should always continue to take a keen interest in the Club's activities. (Applause).

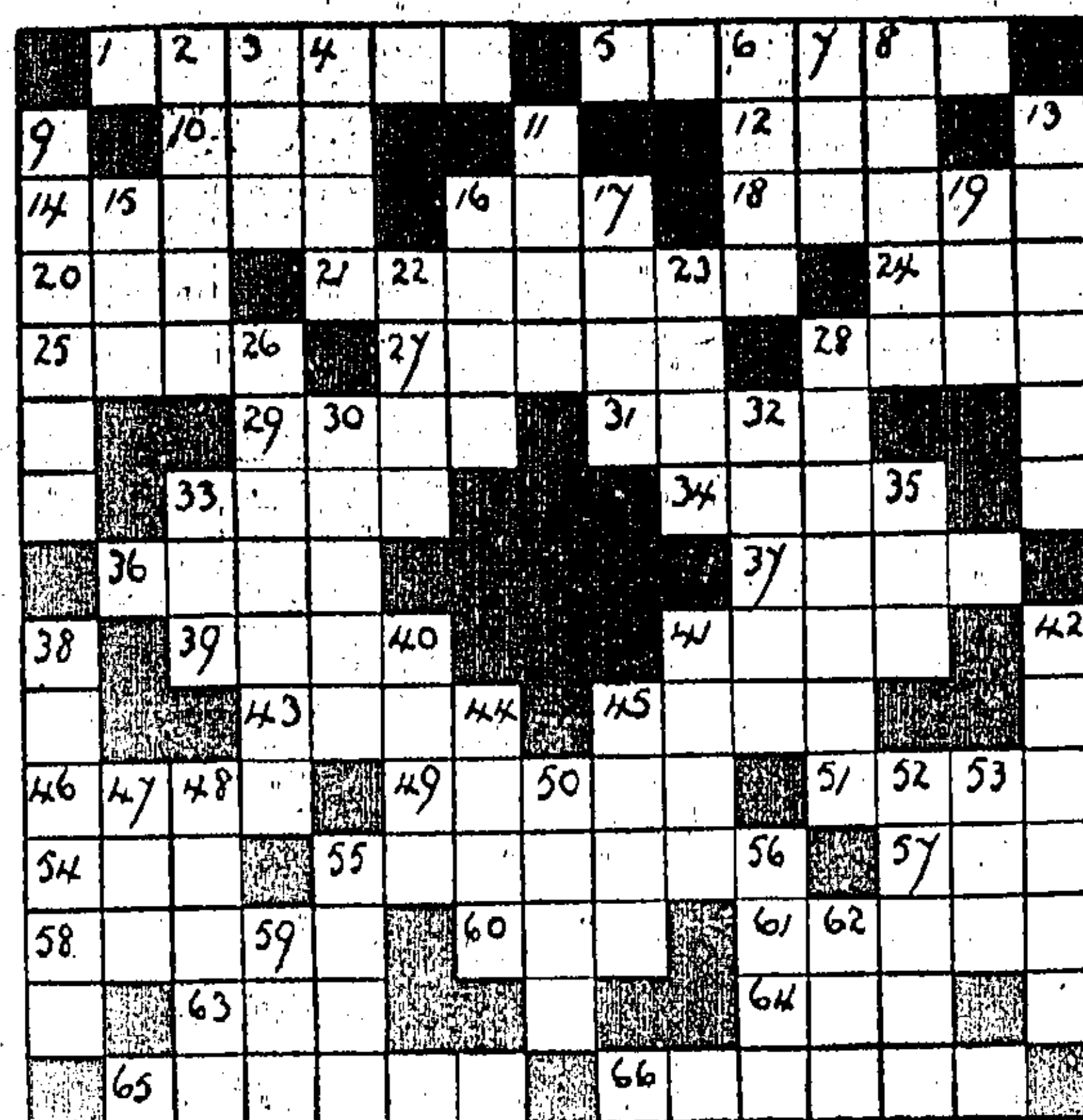
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Across.

- 1 Striped animals.
- 5 Elderly lady guardian.
- 10 Yes.
- 12 Female deer.
- 14 Holes in the skin.
- 16 Atmosphere.
- 18 Hold tight.
- 20 Tavern.
- 21 Having made a will.
- 24 Obtain.
- 25 Not so much.
- 27 Gaelic dagger.
- 28 Trick.
- 29 Part of the mouth (plural).
- 31 Te.
- 32 Sympathy.
- 34 Dull colour.
- 36 Volcano.
- 37 Small fly.
- 39 Side glance.
- 41 Foggy.
- 43 Organs of vision.
- 45 Girl's name.
- 46 One who copies.
- 49 Ticket.
- 51 Female swine (plural).
- 54 Relationship.
- 55 Desired with eagerness.
- 57 Astringent fluid.
- 58 Entrance.
- 60 Perceive.
- 61 Excessively corpulent.
- 63 Bud of a potato.
- 64 Dress.
- 65 Summit.
- 66 Worst.

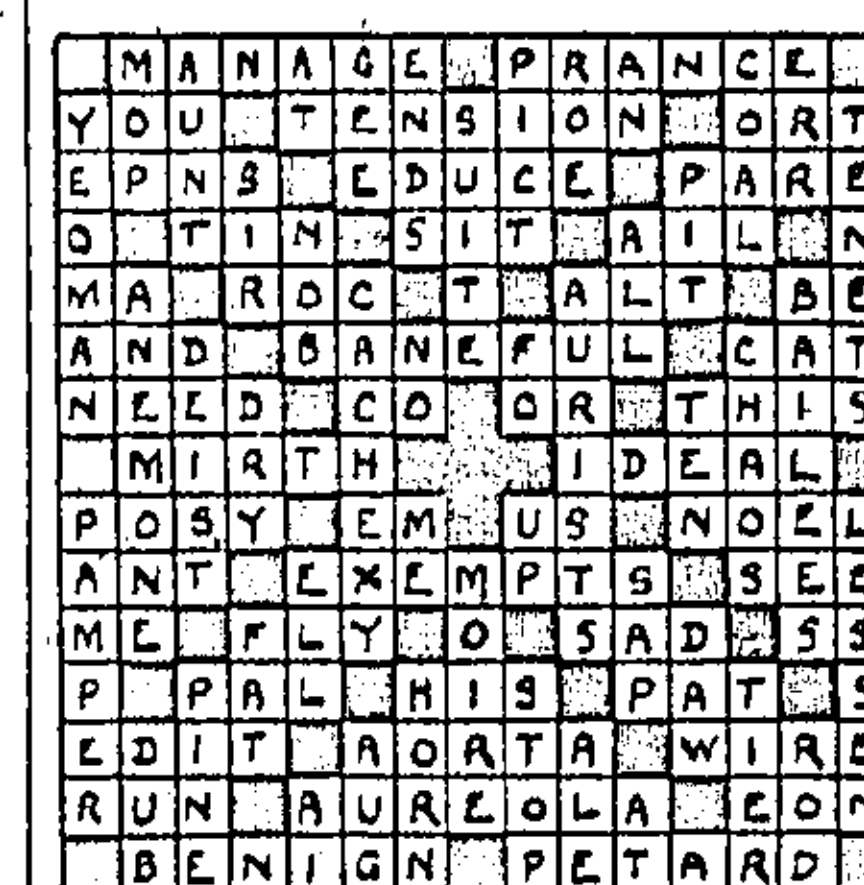
Down.

- 2 Gains by labour.
- 3 Thing not directly aimed at.
- 4 Peace.
- 6 Rim.
- 7 Correlative of neither.
- 8 Horse's cry.
- 9 Upsets.
- 11 Quote.
- 13 Chief of the Cossacks.
- 15 Small number.

Inquires.

- 17 Position.
- 19 Edible seed.
- 22 Descrier.
- 23 To be directed.
- 26 One who uses a sling.
- 28 Portions of poems.
- 30 Country in Europe.
- 32 Musical instrument.
- 33 Please turn over.
- 35 Gulf.
- 38 One belonging to "The Society of Friends."
- 40 Fish.
- 41 Cavity.
- 42 A pet.
- 44 Absorb.
- 45 Simple.
- 47 Peg.
- 48 Penetrate.
- 50 Conveys corpse to the grave.
- 52 Architectural mouldings.
- 53 Existed.
- 55 Affirmative (plural).
- 56 Toy.
- 59 Cereal plant.
- 62 Insect.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



ROYAL TOUR.

AUSTRALIAN CRITICS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS.

Melbourne.—The Melbourne Herald states that widespread criticism by every class has been expressed on the programme and the itinerary of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York which, it says, shows a lack of imagination on the part of those responsible, calling for severe condemnation.

It is pointed out that the Royal visitors will see a few main streets, some capital cities, eat many public banquets, dance at a number of State balls, and renew acquaintance with many officials whom they have previously met in London.

If the purpose of those responsible for preparing the programme, it says, was to keep the Duke and Duchess from all contact with the real people of Australia, including the soldiers, arrangements could not have been better made to achieve the object.

In great part, however, dissatisfaction is based on the studios ignoring of people, countrymen and countrywomen, whose daily lives, passed in such valuable toil,

might have been brightened by the opportunity of seeing the Royal visitors.

Not a single Victorian country centre will be visited with the exception of Ballarat, which owes its selection to the accident that it happens to be on the route to Adelaide.

Soldiers Ignored.

It was stated officially that the main feature of the itinerary would be extensive travelling in the country, mostly by motor, enabling the Royal visitors to get a comprehensive view on Australia's outback life and to get the real atmosphere. From the Renewal message came a month ago from the Duke that he desired to see as much as possible of the conditions under which the people live, and particularly desired to meet new settlers, especially boys brought to Australia under the migration systems.

The soldiers have been entirely ignored as far as a special welcome is concerned. The great settlements on the Murray, it is pointed out, where returned men are pluckily engaged in opening a new industry, will not be visited. Sir Brudenell White, director of the Reception Committee, declares the omission of country tours is due to the number of city functions essential for inclusion in the limited time of the visit.



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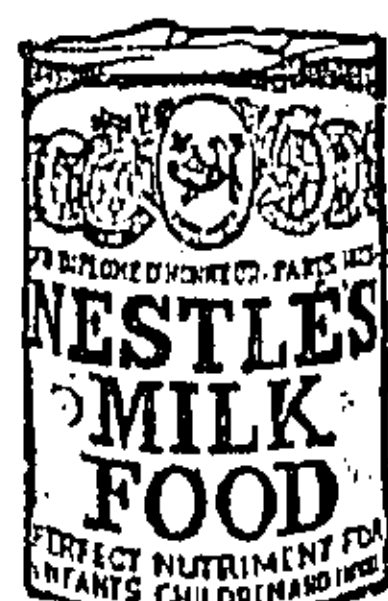
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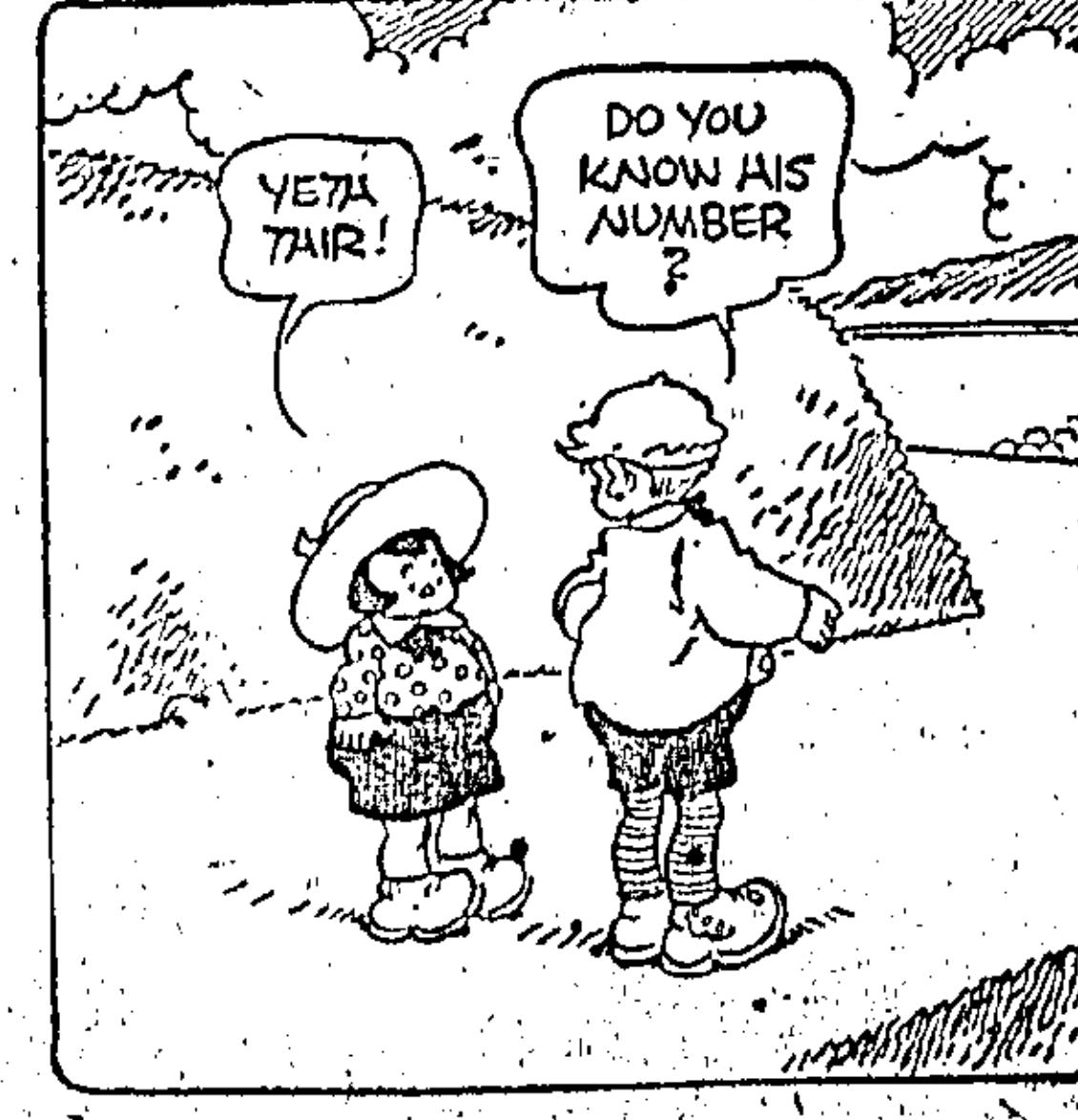
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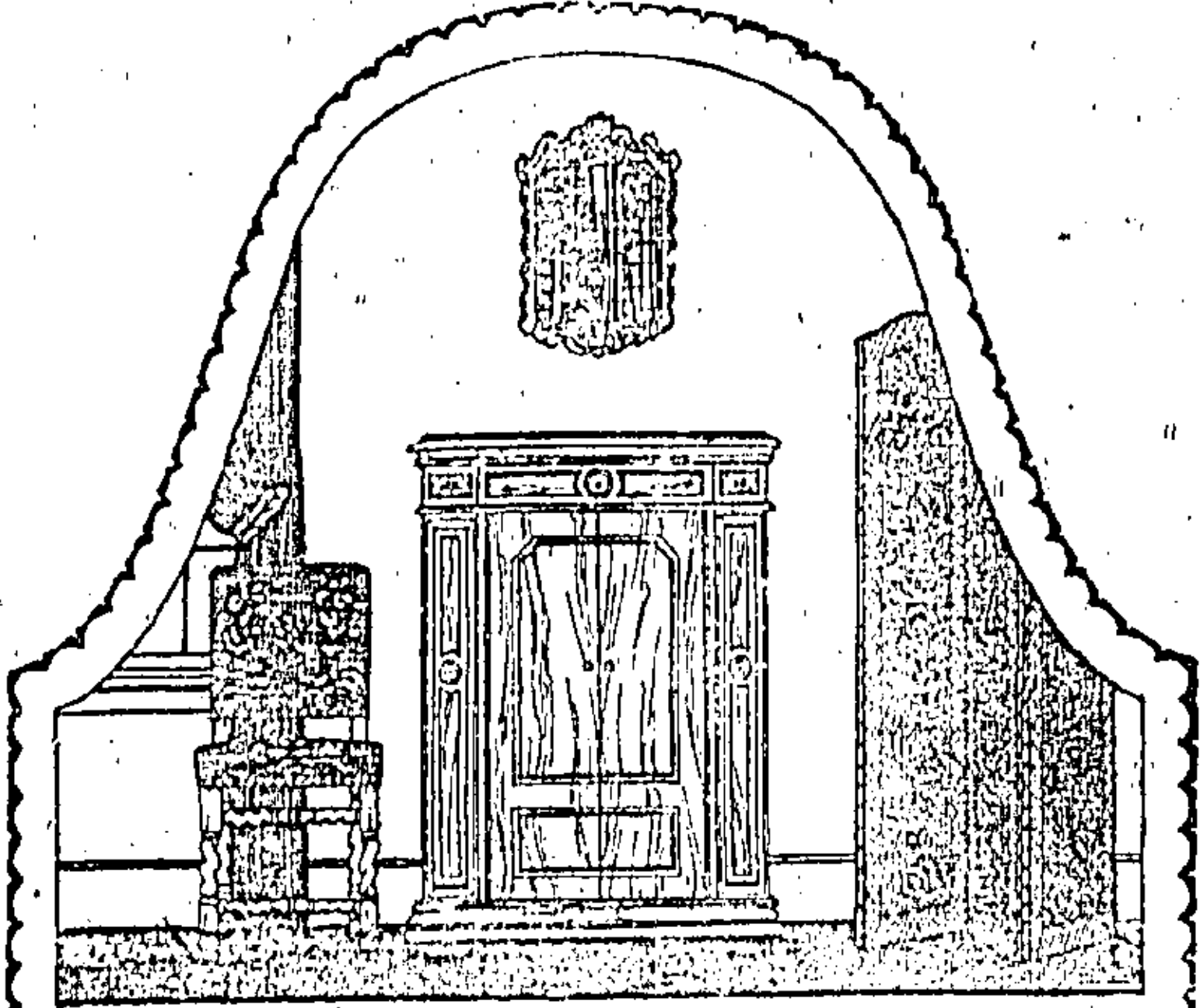
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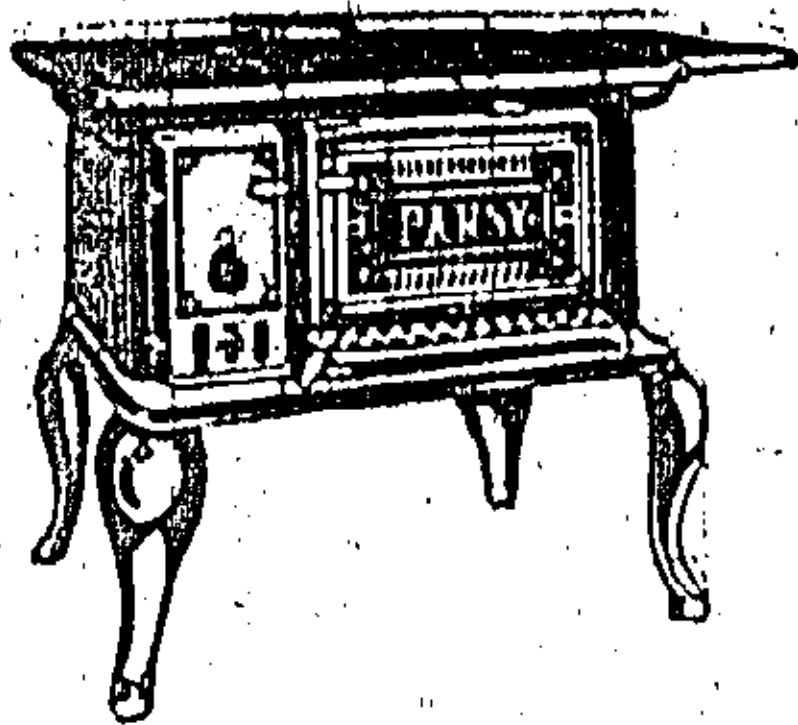
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ACTION ESSENTIAL.

Although at one time it seemed as though it would be exceedingly difficult to secure complete unity of action between the Powers regarding China, events are happening almost daily which make it difficult indeed for anyone to resist the conclusion that common strong action will be forced upon the Powers, however much some of them might desire to remain aloof. Over the week-end, we had news that there was much opinion in Japan adverse to that country taking any action which might jeopardise Japanese interests in the Yangtze Valley, but after Sunday's happenings at Hankow that opinion will probably be modified and brought into alignment with that which asserts that the Chinese must be made to realise that foreign lives and property must be respected. Britain has never been behindhand in the desire to maintain peace and goodwill between the Chinese and foreigners, and her only reason for urging a firm and united stand now is the belief that some show of firmness is absolutely necessary in order to bring about that state of peace which all so much desire. As a matter of fact, Britain has, in diplomatic word and official act, gone farther than any other foreign Power in meeting the political wishes of the Chinese, but, instead of being given any credit or benefit for so acting, Britain has been singled out especially for hatred and outrage. That should be proof enough that the Chinese people have become the victims of agitators, and, if it were no proof, there have been happenings enough to show that any and everything foreign is being rallied against and assaulted. Later messages from Hankow show that the affair which occurred in the Japanese Concession there on Sunday was the culmination of a deliberate policy of instigation by extremists. This sort of thing simply cannot go on without anything being done in reply, else the lives and property of foreigners in China will not be worth a moment's purchase—an intolerable state of affairs which could never be allowed to exist in any other country of the world. The Chinese authorities and people must be taught to respect the strangers within their gates. That is now realised by many of the Chinese and we

cannot see how anything other than common international action can be taken.

The statement just issued by the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai is, in this respect, a very heartening pronouncement. It is pointed out how a conciliatory policy by foreign Governments has strengthened the lawless elements and encouraged outrages, and the conviction is recorded that the future welfare of the Chinese people and the safety of foreigners can only be attained by unified action by the Powers to suppress disorder and restore conditions favourable to the formation of a responsible Government. The belief is affirmed that there should be action to restore security to foreign lives and to recover all foreign properties destroyed or confiscated. So strong an expression of opinion from the American business community at Shanghai ought to carry deep conviction, because American opinion is so traditionally associated with conciliation and peace. Those who are China's real friends have of late been forced to the opinion that the only way to improve the present chaotic condition of the people and country is to administer a stern lesson to the authors of that chaos and to the dupes of it as well. Matters have got badly out of hand and they have to be righted. We have been promised an early formulation of the Powers' joint demands and it is to be hoped that they will have been framed strong enough not to miss the fulfilment of their object—the inculcation of respect.

Timely Advice.

There is no short cut to greatness, either in an individual or a nation. These words, which have a peculiar aptness at the present juncture in China, were spoken by Mr. W. W. Hornell, the Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University, at the St. Stephen's College Founders' Day celebration on Saturday. In the course of his address, Mr. Hornell urged the students to hold fast to all that is best in the traditions of the Chinese race, and to grow up Chinese gentlemen in the widest and best sense of that term. His remarks were much to the point in view of the student agitation which has been a feature of the unrest in China during the past few years. Discipline, self-restraint and self-sacrifice may, as Mr. Hornell stated, appear dull and negative qualities to the Chinese youth, but without the practice of them no sound character can be built up. It is precisely the Chinese students' failure to realise this point that has been the cause of so much foolish agitation in China of late. The business of the student is to apply himself to his lessons and to subject himself to the discipline necessary for the full development of his character. Unhappily, so many of China's students have taken it upon themselves to flaunt authority and to pay little or no heed to their elders. Not only is this harmful to the student himself, but it is having disastrous reactions on the masses. Moreover, this lack of respect for adult authority is totally contrary to all that is best in Chinese philosophy and tradition. The individual and the nation, as Mr. Hornell so well put it, must realise that there is no short cut to greatness—that all progress and advancement is by slow and oft-times painful processes. The overlooking of that great truth is in large measure at the bottom of China's trouble to-day.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, April 4.
Paris	124
Brussels	24.4
Amsterdam	12.14 1/2
Berlin	20.49
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34 1/2/32 1/4
Helsinki	192 1/4
Lisbon	2.17/32
Bucharest	800
Buenos Aires	47.35/64
Shanghai	2/8 1/2/10
Yokohama	2/0 1/2/10
New York	4.85 25/32
Geneva	25.25
Milan	101.5/16
Stockholm	18.12
Oslo	18.08 1/2
Prague	104
Madrid	27.34 1/2
Athens	375 1/2
Rio	5.27/32
Bombay	1/5 59/64
Hongkong	2/0 1/2
Silver (spot)	28 1/2
Silver (forward)	26

DAY BY DAY.

I AM OF OPINION THAT NOTHING IS OF SO MUCH WEIGHT IN FORMING A MAN'S CHARACTER AS THE TREATMENT HE RECEIVES FROM THE TIME OF LEAVING HIS NURSE'S ARMS.—
Dr. Thomas Young.

The Rev. G. R. and Mrs. Lind say are leaving Hongkong by the P. and O. liner Malwa on the 30th instant.

The local weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—"N.E. winds, strong, moderating; overcast, some rain."

A cashbox containing cash to the value of \$200 was stolen yesterday from Lt. Commander Chichester's cabin aboard H.M.S. Petersfield.

The B.I. s.s. Talma, arriving from Calcutta and Singapore, with 803 deck passengers, reports the death of two en route from heart failure. Both were buried at sea.

In our report of the prize-giving in connexion with the Dockland English School, we gave the name of the Headmaster as Mr. Dixon Chan. It should have been Mr. Dixon Chau.

St. Andrew's Church magazine contains acknowledgments from St. Dunstan's Home and the Pastoral Aid Society, London, of gifts of £10 and £9 16s. 2d. respectively, collected by the Church Christmas Carol Choir.

There were 11 arrivals and 15 departures mentioned in this morning's Harbour Office Reports. British vessels returned four and eight under the respective headings, leaving 72 vessels in harbour, of which 27 were British.

So far, there have been no new developments in connexion with the demands made by the Chinese Seamen's Union on owners of river steamers running between Hongkong and Canton. The boats are running as usual.

A ricksha coolie was yesterday bitten by a dog at Stewart Terrace, the Peak, and was taken to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment. The dog, which belongs to Mrs. Stark, of No. 274, The Peak, was seized and removed to Kennedy Town.

The s.s. Sinking, arriving from Shanghai and Amoy, reports that she was in collision with the fishing boat Tai Poo, when one day out from the former port. Three of the crew of four were rescued. The wrecked craft is not dangerous to navigation.

Early on Sunday morning, a collision took place between two junks just outside the harbour, damage being caused to one of them to the extent of \$170. A report was subsequently made at the Cheungchau Police Station by the master of the damaged boat.

Probate has been granted to Mr. C. G. N. Tinson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, in respect of the will of the late Lady Florence Maude Black, who died at a hospital in Middlesex. She was the widow of Major General Sir Wilson Black, K.C.B. Her Hongkong estate amounts to \$14,900, and the principal beneficiary is her daughter.

St. Andrew's Church magazine says Miss H. D. Sawyer has accepted the position of Parochial Secretary for the Victoria Diocesan Association. The V.D.A. is the local branch of an Association founded in London in 1921, to help on the work of this Diocese. A Diocesan Council has been formed composed of representatives of the Churches and various religious organizations. The Vicar was asked to nominate representatives for St. Andrew's, and the following were elected: Miss Sawyer, Rev. W. W. Rogers and Mr. F. W. Stapleton. In addition to these Mrs. Rogers was elected to represent the Mother's Union.

A correspondent writing to a Shanghai newspaper points out that Mr. F. Huber, Harbour Master of Nanking, who was murdered during the recent riots there, was Chief Tide Surveyor in the Customs Service. He had been a servant of the Chinese Government for a period of 23 years, whom he had served faithfully and loyally until the last. He was also the holder of the Royal Humane Society's medal for saving the life of one of China's millions at Wuhai some time ago. Mr. Huber had served during the Boer War and never lost, during his service in the Chinese Customs, the grit and pluck of a British soldier, which he has amply proved during the terrible time at Nanking, where, after seeing others in safety,

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAIN SPEAKING.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—It seems a great pity that the Consular Body in Canton contrived to dilute and weaken an otherwise excellent telegraphic reply to Mr. Eugene Chen by such insincerities as the following:—

1. "On behalf of my colleagues and myself, I have the honour to thank you for these assurances of the safety of the lives and property of our respective nationals."

2. "With a view to informing our respective nationals of the happy assurances contained in your despatch under acknowledgment my colleagues and I are taking the opportunity of giving this correspondence to the press."

Surely the numerous outrages which have taken place against foreigners of many nationalities since the beginning of the present year are quite sufficient to convince every person of ordinary intelligence that Mr. Eugene Chen's assurances are not worth the paper they are written on, and his extraordinary effort to shift the responsibility for the recent outrages at Nanking against Americans, Japanese, and British from Nationalist soldiers on to "reactionary and counter-revolutionary elements" and "rebel remnants many of whom wore uniforms taken from Nationalist soldiers and local rabble" is not likely to enhance his reputation for reliability.

Mr. Chen, be it noted, personally vouches that the preliminary report of the Nationalist Commission of Enquiry establishes the above as "outstanding fact." This "outstanding fact" of Mr. Eugene Chen has been definitely contradicted from Washington on the authority of the American Consul, Mr. Davis, who "emphatically reiterated to the State Department that Nationalist soldiers deliberately and with intent to kill fired on British, Japanese and American Consuls knowing them to be such" and added:—"All three Consulates were deliberately looted and although this was known to Nationalist Officers no effective measures were taken to afford protection up to the time of the Naval barrage to rescue the party sheltering in the Standard Oil houses."

As Sir Austen Chamberlain has recently pointed out: performance, and not promises are required from the Nationalists.—Yours, etc.,

STRAIGHTFORWARD.
Hongkong, April 5th, 1927.

PEAK TRAM FARES.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—In view of the recent correspondence which has passed between "H. E. Le-N. Side" and myself regarding the recent increase in the Peak Tram fares, I now most gratefully beg to acknowledge receipt of \$5, being the subscription to the P. R. A. for the current year from five residents on the Peak comprising the "H. E. Le-N. Side Mess."

I also take this opportunity of publicly thanking "Messrs. H. E. Le-N. Side" for the very sporting manner in which they have concluded this little incident.—Yours, etc.,

E. E. C. HORNELL.
Hongkong, April 5, 1927.

IRISH TERRIER AND DOG LAW.

WHAT OWNERS SHOULD KNOW.

Judge Dawson Crawford gave an interesting decision at Romford County Court in a case in which damages were claimed for bites by dogs.

A gardener named Arthur Flack was crossing a public footpath on an estate near Ongar when he was attacked by four dogs, which, he alleged, the owner set upon him. The leader of the dogs was an Irish terrier, which bit him severely. The other dogs did minor injury.

Giving judgment for the plaintiff for £15, the Judge said it was well known that the Irish terrier was always liable to bite, and owners were supposed to know this tendency. The fact that this was an Irish terrier which did the chief damage was sufficient to prove scienter.

An Irish terrier was one of the most astute breeds of dogs, and sometimes knew a lot more than his master. It should, therefore, be always kept well under con-

The Very Idea!

Mrs. A. B. C. has received word of the death of her brother-in-law, of Chicago, who passed away here a number of times and is well known here.—*American Paper.*

Jack and Jill went up the hill
At 60 miles or better;
A cop unkind
Was right behind—
They're seeking bail by letter.

The Duke of York is reported to have drunk the ceremonial "kava" of the Fijians without, as *The Times* correspondent says, "making a very face." That is much to his credit, for the stuff has the appearance of soap suds, and though authorities describe it as "a tasteless and very filling beverage," they also say that "it takes time and great determination to acquire appreciation for it." Every native ceremony in the Fiji Islands is preceded by the drinking of kava, which is made from the crushed roots of the Ylangna tree. It is said to have no intoxicating effects.

Tottenham magistrate to a husband: Is it true that you assaulted your wife?—If kissing her is an assault, then I did.

Solicitor at Shoreditch: I have never yet heard of a tobaccoist going bankrupt.

Willowden tenant, complaining of her landlord's violence: She is controlled and thinks she can do as she likes.

Judge Sir Alfred Tobin, at Westminster County Court: Why should these magnates who are money-lenders call themselves financiers, and bookies call themselves commission agents?

Woman at Shoreditch County Court: My husband can do all the swearing that is necessary. I can't stand the lodger at it as well.

In the matter of that word "obey," a Dowager-Countess writes to *The Times* to remind us that "when two men ride a horse one must ride behind." But must one ride a horse? It is not the fashionable mode of locomotion. Who is the predominant partner in a bus, or a taxi, or a tube?

Schoolboy Howlers:—Gunter is the name of a tea shop in London.

The Hamadryads are a famous football team.

The following conversation between a boy of about eight years and his much perturbed mother was heard in the Bow County Court:—

Boy: Look at that man, mummy; what funny hair he has.
Mother: Be quiet; that is the man's wig.
Boy: Is he bald, then, mummy?
Mother: No, he is a lawyer and has to wear it. Now be quiet.
Boy: Daddy is bald, but I have never seen one on him.
The blushing mother took the boy by the hand and hurried him from the court, which, however, he left reluctantly. He stared at the barristers' wigs with a puzzled air, and even took a last look round the door as he went out.

A doctor has delivered himself of the following monumental dictum: "I am convinced that the Charleston side-jerks seem specially invented to spray dust and germs from the powdered floors to the dancers' noses."

The successful man was exhorting the boy to follow his example. "When I was your age," he said, "I went to America. I started work in a store at three dollars a week. In five years I owned the store."
"Ah," replied the boy: "You could not do that to-day. They all have cash registers now."

U. S. MILLIONAIRES.

NUMBER DOUBLED IN ONE YEAR.

Washington, April 4. That the number of millionaires has doubled is shown by figures published by the Treasury Department, showing that 207 millionaires paid income tax in 1926, being an increase of 182 millionaires as compared with 1925. Seven individual incomes exceeded \$85,000,000 annually.—*Reuter's American Service.*

News has been received that Mr. Robert Ho Tung, younger son of Sir Robert Ho Tung, successfully passed his examinations at the Royal Military College, Woolwich, and has now proceeded to the School of Artillery, Larkhill, Salisbury Plain, for a course of instruction in gunnery. Mr. R. Ho Tung is the first Chinese who has joined the British Army.

WAH YAN COLLEGE.

TO-DAY'S PRIZE-GIVING
CEREMONY.

ADVICE TO STUDENTS.

The annual distribution of prizes in connexion with the Wah Yan College was held at the Queen's Theatre this morning. Mr. Wong Kwong-tin presiding, and distributing the awards. The theatre was filled with scholars, relatives and friends. Among those present were noticed Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, Mr. P. Tsui, the founder of the College, the headmaster, Mr. Lim Hoi-lan, Bishop Valentin, Mr. Y. F. Lau (Inspector of Vernacular Schools) and Mr. G. P. de Martin (Inspector of English School).

Headmaster Report.

The Headmaster read the annual report, from which we take the following extracts:

The average number on roll during the year was 414. The total number of meetings was 380. The average daily attendance was 405, or about 97 per cent. This was the best in the short history of the College.

The increase in the percentage of attendance was due (1) to stricter school regulations; (2) to the better health of the boys; and (3) to closer co-operation of the parents with the College authorities in preventing the boys from playing truant. In previous years I remarked that most of the absences were due either to laziness or to ill-health. To remove the first cause, I made a new rule which authorised every teacher to strike off the roll the name of any boy who was absent for three or more days without permission; unless on his return to school he could produce a bona fide letter from his parent or guardian stating the reason for his absence. I sincerely hope that parents and guardians will give us their whole-hearted co-operation in our efforts to enforce regular attendance at school. When a boy has been absent for a few days, he will find it very difficult to follow the work of his class on his return; and if he has been absent for a fortnight or more, he will find it almost impossible to do so, unless he is very bright. If the teacher attempts to bring the absentees up to the level of the other boys, the work of the whole class will be retarded. This is unfair to those boys who attend school regularly.

To combat ill-health, the second cause of absences, I made drill and gymnastics compulsory for all the classes. I am glad to say that this has resulted in the improved health and physique of the College as a whole.

The introduction of drill has made the boys easier to manage in class, and it is responsible for their better posture. I know of nothing better than drill for teaching orderliness and obedience to the voice of authority.

Most Chinese parents do not realise the importance to their children's health of the erect carriage in walking, and the upright posture in sitting and standing. In nearly all the Chinese vernacular schools the boys are never told to sit, stand and walk properly. This is the chief reason why Chinese boys have smaller and weaker chests than European or Japanese boys of the same height. If all the Chinese parents knew that a child is only as strong as his lungs, and that thousands of Chinese children die of consumption every year, they will soon realise the importance of the possession of a deep and broad chest.

Personally I do not know of anything superior to gymnastics, especially the parallel bars, for developing a deep and broad chest. I should like to see more boys avail themselves of the expert instruction of our Physical Instructor, Mr. A. J. Mauricio, who has a phenomenally big chest for a man of his height.

We have been unable to form a tennis or cricket team, due mainly to the unsatisfactory situation of the College and its lack of an adequate playground. Chinese boys prefer football to any other game. They take only a half-hearted interest in tennis; while those who go to witness a cricket match can be counted on the fingers of both hands. This is because they understand a football game much better than they do tennis or cricket.

Study of Mandarin.

We made some slight alterations in the curriculum but changed very few of the text-books.

Mandarin, the national language of the Chinese people, was made obligatory throughout the College. We made an experiment to teach modern Chinese literature in the Mandarin dialect. On the whole the experiment was satisfactory, though some boys found it difficult to follow the lessons. With a little more goodwill on their part, I am sure they will soon be able to overcome the difficulty. We have decided to continue the experiment and carry it a step or two further.

China is the only country in the world where the people possessing a common written language converse with one another in a foreign tongue. This more than anything else is responsible for the traditional hostility of the North to the South. If all the schools and colleges throughout China make Mandarin compulsory, in a few years' time all the Chinese will be able to converse with one another in their own language, and there will be less misunderstanding between the Southerners and their northern compatriots.

Nowadays we often hear talks of

TRADE UNION LAW.

AMENDING BILL INTRODUCED.

London, April 4.

In the House of Commons, the Attorney-General introduced the Trades Dispute and Trade Unions Bill, which was read a first time.

The object of the Bill is to amend the law relating to trade disputes and Trade Unions, to regulate the position of civil servants and employees of public authorities in respect of membership of Trade Unions and similar organisations, and to extend Section 6 of the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act of 1875.

The Bill's Provisions.

The Bill stipulates that any strike having any object other than the furtherance of a trade dispute within the industry in which the strikers are engaged is illegal if it is designed or calculated to coerce the Government or intimidate a substantial portion of the community. The Bill lays down the penalty of two years' imprisonment for instigators and participants. The Bill forbids intimidatory picketing and prohibits the picketing of non-strikers' residences, providing a penalty of £20 or imprisonment for three months.

Henceforth it will be illegal to require a trade unionist to contribute to a political fund unless he has specifically agreed to do so in writing, and also the political funds of a Trade Union shall be kept separate from the ordinary funds. Civil Servants are forbidden to belong to Trade Unions which cater for non-civil servants or which are affiliated to an organisation or federation whose membership is not confined to persons employed under the Crown or having political objects.

Finally, the Bill provides that local and other public authorities are forbidden to make employment conditional upon membership of a Trade Union or in anywise favour Trade Unionist employees. It lays down a penalty of £10 or three months' imprisonment for a breach of contract of service with a local public authority.

The Act does not apply to North Ireland.—*Reuter*.

well-considered opinion of all educated people in China that there can be no true union unless all the Chinese speak one and the same language. Where there is a babel of tongues there can be no lasting union, as was conclusively proved by the late empires of Austria and of Turkey. The British Empire is what she is to-day, a Commonwealth of Nations, because the English language is spoken wherever the Union Jack is flown.

Examination Successes.

In the number of candidates presented for the Matriculation and Junior Local Examinations, as well as in the number of passes and distinctions obtained, we broke all our previous records.

Out of a total of 29 boys in Class I fourteen matriculated and three passed the Senior Local with a total of 5 distinctions, three of which were in Mandarin. Hin Seung-yick, who obtained distinction in Trigonometry, was put in the Honours List, and Lau Pui-ki was the only Hongkong candidate to obtain distinction in Mechanics. Our boys won four out of the 10 positions awarded to Hongkong candidates, and all the four qualified for the Government Studentships-in-Training tenable at the local university. Unfortunately, Hin Seung-yick, our honoursman, could not pass the medical test on account of his bad eye-sight; Chau Yok-man did not want to join the Arts Faculty; and Wong Tso-fan, yielding to parental pressure, joined our staff instead of continuing his studies. Lau Pui-ki is the only one who accepted the studentship; and he is now studying at the university.

In the Junior Local, out of a total of 49 boys who sat for the examination 32 passed with six distinctions. Cheng Chiu-fan, who obtained distinctions in Mathematics and Biblical Knowledge, was also the only Hongkong candidate to distinguish himself in Book-keeping. Among the other passes was Chan Yip-shuen, who began his A.B.C. in this College only a little over two years ago. This I believe is a record for a Chinese boy. I do not, however, advise others to emulate him.

Buildings.

The school buildings were colour-washed and painted during the month of January. Acting on the advice of Dr. E. M. Minett, the Medical Officer for Schools, we dismantled some of the class-rooms on the ground floor, and subsequently converted them into a gymnasium. This gave our boys a bigger playground space and was, in the words of Dr. Minett, "a great improvement."

In July we rented the ground floor of the adjoining building known as the St. Joseph's Mission, which was formerly occupied by the Catholic Union Club. This acquisition gave us a great hall which could be used for concerts and similar functions.

In spite of all that we have done, we are still in urgent need of extension. To quote Dr. Minett again, "I should be glad to see larger premises, which I think would soon be filled."

On Branch School at No. 70, Portland Street, Yau-mat, had 120 on roll. The classes ranged from 4 to 8; and the staff consisted of 7

severely taxed, notwithstanding the noisy locality in which the school is situated. As soon as we get a suitable piece of land, we shall erect our own building.

Old Boy's Union.

The Old Boys of our College formed a Union at the beginning of the year. Mr. Lung Tin Toig is the president; Mr. Tam Yick Fong, the secretary; and Mr. Chung Hok Nang, the treasurer. At present there are more than 120 members. I appeal to all the boys who are leaving school to join the Union and to continue to take an interest in the work of their Alma Mater.

Before I conclude my report, I should like to thank Mr. Wong Kwong Tin for having kindly consented to give away the prizes; the Managing Director of the Hongkong Amusements for the use of this theatre; Miss L. Chanalloy, Mrs. Lum, and Miss Edith Koo for their contributions to our entertainment; and the Rev. Fathers as well as the ladies and gentlemen for their presence here to-day.

Prize Winners.

The principal prize-winners were:

Matriculation.—Hin Seung-yick (Honours, Distinction in Trigonometry, and qualified for the Government Studentship), Chau Yok-man, (Qualified for the Government Studentship), Lau Pui-ki, (Distinction in Mechanics, Government Studentship), Wong Tso-fan, (Distinction in Mandarin), Kwong Man-wai, (Cheung Wing-fai, M. I. Rasack, Y. J. Khan, Wai Man-lok, Lee Ho-tin, Pong King-cheung (Distinction in Mandarin), Keng Man-sing, Yeh Kung-shuen and Mak Man-cheung.

Senior.—Chan Kam-moon, Chan Kam-hung and Lui Ting-ye (Distinction in Mandarin).

Junior.—Cheng Chiu-fan (Distinction in Mathematics, Book-keeping, and Bible), Ng Kwong-yuen (Distinction in Mathematics), Ng Taun-fan, Ng Wai-yin (Distinction in Biblical Knowledge), Wong Chow-siu, (Distinction in Arithmetic), Wong Lai-shum, Chan Jim-ful, Yuen Luen-jo, Fong Shu-sang, Ip Kwok-fu, Han Chan-wah, Lau Man-hin, Sung Sheng-chi, Chan Man-ping, P. Tat-choi, Pun Sai-ling, Tam Po-nam, Cheng Chung-yin, Lau Yu-shuen, Sung Wai-lim, Siu Man, Kwok Iu-shu, Chiu Wai, Leung Hon-chuen, Mok Ping-nam, Fok Cho-min, Wong Sing-fo, Choi Yau-cheong, Tai Heung-hing, Lee Ying-fong, Chan Yip-shun and Ng Hung-kai.

China's Heritage.

After giving away the prizes, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin made a speech in Chinese. He said in part:—I am very happy to be with you on the seventh annual prize distribution day of your College. I had intended to be present as one of the audience to enjoy your entertainment; but your Headmaster, Mr. Lim Hoi-lan, did me the honour to ask me to preside at this function and to give you a few words of advice. I am afraid that I am unable to make a speech suitable for the occasion. I am a Chinese of the old school, and I know practically nothing of modern sciences. For instance, we see the wonders of electricity all round us, and yet I know next to nothing of this wonderful science. Modernism is the order of the day. We have modern science, modern civilisation, modern politics, modern education, modern religions—in short, everything must be modern to be acceptable to the young men of to-day. Opinion must be modern, or it will not be pleasing to the ear; writing must be modern, or it will not be pleasing to the eye; principles must be modern, or they will not be held in respect by the public. My ideas are old-fashioned. I dare not communicate them to young men like you for fear that you may laugh at them. But there is one thing which, though old, is held in respect by all

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I hope you will make her future worthy of her great past. I wish you all every happiness and your College continued success.

Enjoyable Programme.

The proceedings were rendered all the more enjoyable by a programme consisting of a song, Chinese music, a piano duet, a gymnastic display, and a cinema picture. The gymnastic display was given by College students, conducted by Mr. A. J. Mauricio. Others contributing were Miss L. Chenalloy, Mrs. Lum and Miss Edith Koo. The Chinese music was rendered by College students, conducted by Master Lau Man-hin.

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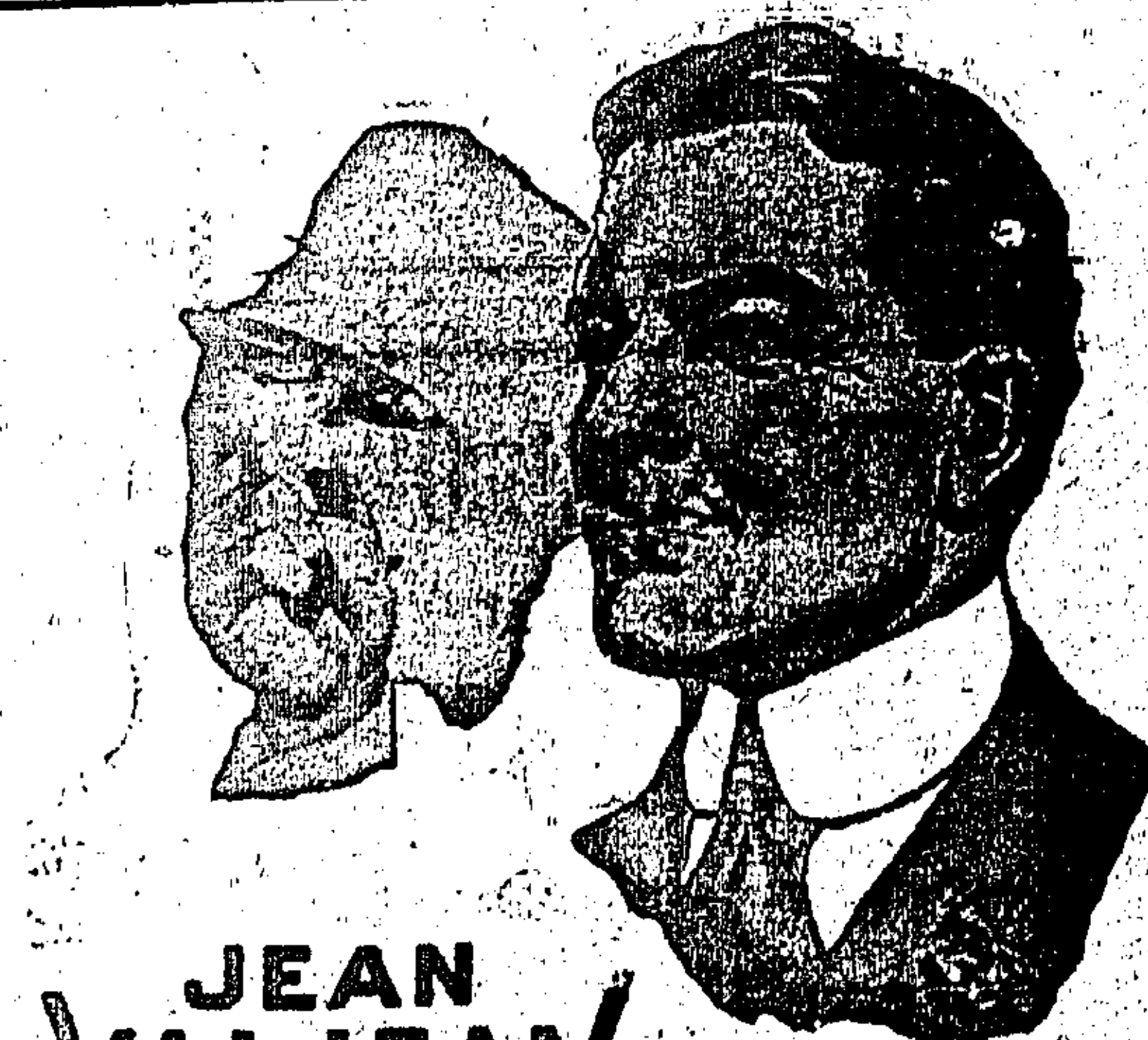
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The following correspondence has passed between Eugene Chen, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government and the American Consul General and Senior Consul, on behalf of the other Consular representatives relative to the recent state of alarm which has been felt in Canton:

[Translation of circular letter to all Consular Representatives from the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs.]

Canton, March 31.
Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that I learn that foreigners residing in Canton have suddenly become alarmed without reason fearing an anti-foreign movement, not being aware of the fact that the Nationalist Government has already issued proclamations that foreigners' lives and property must be given effective protection. Moreover Chinese have in the past been friendly and have had no anti-foreign sentiments and still less is there any anti-foreign movement, so that foreigners are now taking alarm in a most surprising way without reason. It would appear either that they lightly listen to rumours or that those opposed to our Government are fabricating reports from which this alarm arises.

I have therefore not only requested the Provincial Government and the Commander-in-Chief of the Revolutionary Army to pay special attention to their protection but have sent urgent telegrams to all the district officials effectively to protect foreigners. I have the honour, therefore, to request, as a matter of importance, that you will notify your nationals of the above and instruct them not again to worry and become alarmed. The favour of a reply is requested.—I have, etc.,
(Sd.) EUGENE CHEN.
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs.

The Reply.

Canton, April 2.
Honorable Chen Yu-jen, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Canton.

Sir:—On behalf of myself and my colleagues (the Consular Representatives of Japan, France, Great Britain, Portugal and Denmark), I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of March 31, 1927, respecting the intention of the Nationalist Government to protect the lives and property of foreigners within the territory under its control. You refer to reports of anxiety amongst foreign residents and express surprise that there should be any uneasiness because the Chinese people have been friendly and have not in the past had any anti-foreign sentiments, not to mention an anti-foreign movement. You express the opinion that these reports are fabrications originating from sources unfriendly to your Government.

On behalf of my colleagues and myself, I have the honor to thank you for these assurances of the safety of the lives and property of our respective nationals. It is quite true that there has been, and still is, considerable anxiety amongst foreign residents. Recent events at Nanking and other ports on the Yangtze, together with the disorders in Fukien and attacks on missionary establishments in Canton, Kweilin, Fuchow and elsewhere, have tended, not without reason, to create a feeling of grave apprehension. The extent and bitterness of anti-foreign and anti-Christian propaganda have also contributed to the anxiety of foreigners in the territory under the control of the Nationalist Government.

My colleagues and I feel it to be our duty to draw these facts to your attention in the hope and anticipation that in view of the determination of your Government to insure the protection of foreigners, measures will be taken to control the present propaganda movement and direct it along lines more in accord with the spirit of international good will. We venture to express the opinion that this would go a long way towards alleviating the very grave dangers now undoubtedly existing in the present situation.

With a view to informing our respective nationals of the happy assurances contained in your despatch under acknowledgment, my colleagues and I are taking the opportunity of giving this correspondence to the press.

DOUGLAS JENKINS,
American Consul General,
and Senior Consul.

MEXICAN BANDITS.

GANG BROKEN UP.

Mexico City, April 4.
Most of the bandit gang concerned in the murder of Mr. Wilkins are reported to have been captured. The leader said the men killed Mr. Wilkins because they were angered at the close pursuit of the Federal troops.—*Router's American Service.*

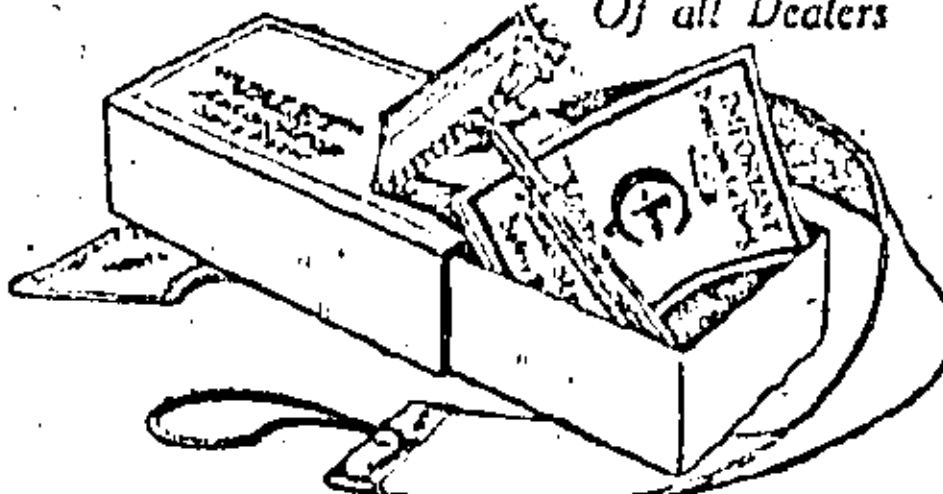


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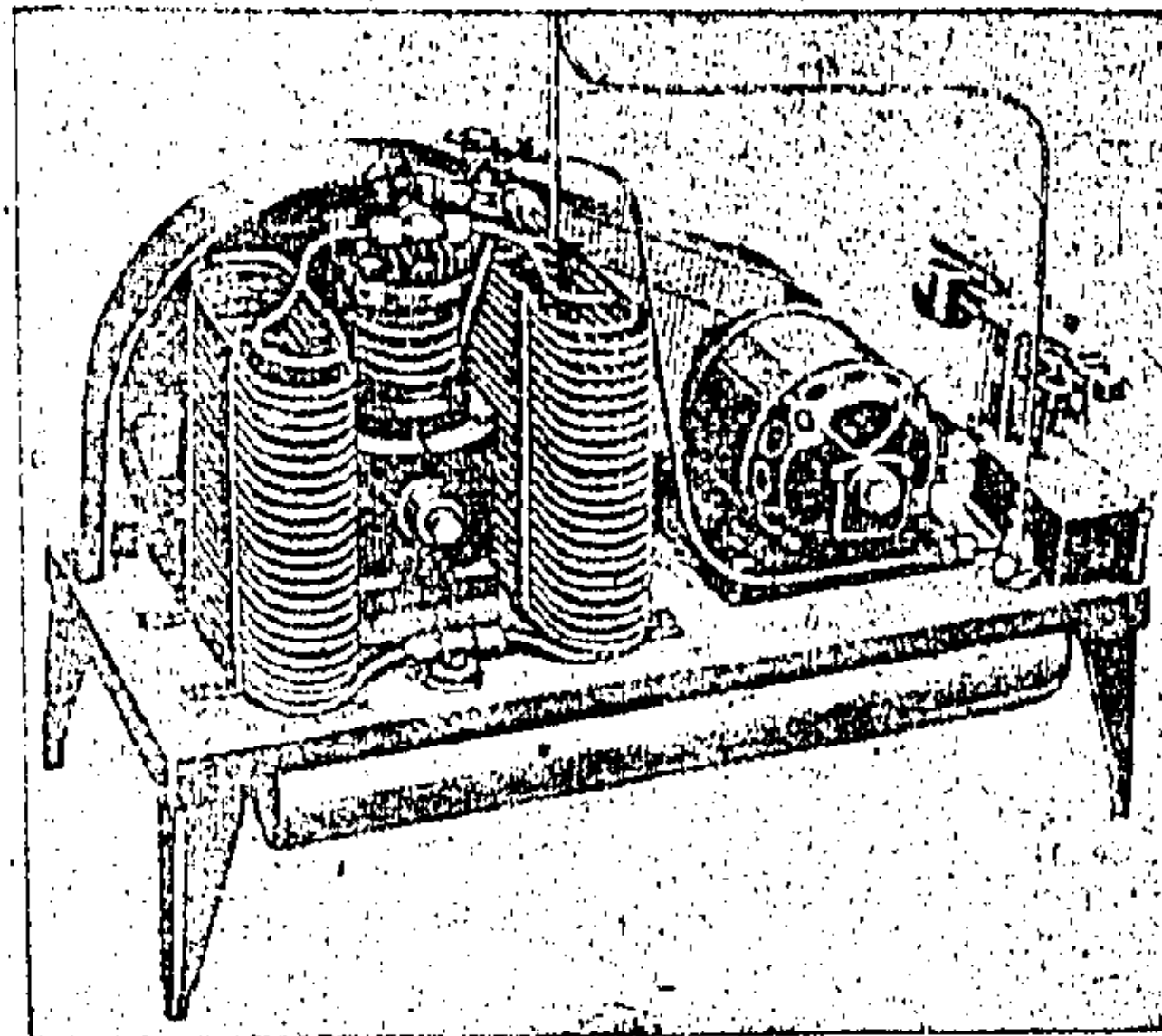


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WHAT IT COSTS.

Supplementary Estimates to the tune of £2,157,989 were considered in Parliamentary Committee. Two facts of interest emerged from these estimates and from the debate—first, that most of this additional expenditure is due to the coal strike, and second, that M.P.'s themselves are becoming more expensive.

According to the Supplementary

Estimate, Parliament will cost the country £2,924 more than was originally estimated. Of this £1,600 is due to increased use of travelling facilities by members. The total cost to the taxpayer of Parliament for the year will now be £357,485.

From this it will be seen, by a simple calculation, and on a generous basis of 1,200 hours' debating per annum, that Parliamentary government costs about as much as the Transatlantic telephone—that is, 25 a minute, or 1s. 8d. per second.

On this basis it is possible to

estimate the exact cost to the taxpayer of the hours of Socialist slogan-making and irrelevancy and of the pearls of oratory of such members as Mr. Jack Jones or Mr. Oswald Mosley.

This evening for example, Mr. Jack Jones had about £25 worth. For this sum "Hansard" will be enriched by the following thoughts coined in connexion with Government expenditure on foreign coal to warm public buildings and the Houses of Parliament:

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"Hon. members talk of heating the House. I and my friends can give it all the heat it wants; We can even warm any who get cold feet."—*Morning Post.*

London Postal Superintending Officers have passed a resolution that in order to discourage night mail circulation, letters posted before 4.30 p.m. should be charged one penny instead of three halfpence.

THE WORLD OF SPORT.



LAWN TENNIS.

DISAPPOINTING PLAY IN OPEN DOUBLES.

The one still suffering from the effects of his match against Ng Sze-kwong and the other from nerves, the Fincher brothers gave a very disappointing display on their initial appearance in the Open Doubles against Raworth and Humphreys yesterday afternoon.

The brothers are a very formidable pair but lack of experience made the younger of the two very nervous and his erratic play put his partner off considerably. Almost every game in which either of the Fincher brothers was marked by double faults, the younger brother on two occasions losing a game on no less than three "doubles."

Raworth and Humphreys gave the Kowloon pair little opposition and were easily beaten in three straight sets, taking two games in the first, three in the second and another two in the last.

The only other match of any interest was that between Dr. Valentine and Henderson in the Club Championship. The latter won in three sets, but in the last he was given a hard struggle for his points.

The results were:
Open Doubles—E. C. and E. F. Fincher beat A. B. Raworth and J. D. Humphreys, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.
Club Championship—R. M. Henderson beat Dr. D. J. Valentine, 6-1, 6-3, 7-5.
Handicap Singles "A"—G. W. Sewell (owe 4/6) beat Major H. R. Edwards, (rec. 15) 6-4, 6-5, 6-1.
Handicap Singles "B"—W. H. Coulson (Ser.) beat A. C. L. Bowker (Ser.), 6-4, 6-1.

Matches down for this afternoon are:
Open Singles—H. D. Ramjahn v H. Aldyama.
Club Championship—H. Armstrong v Major W. B. Stevenson.
Handicap Singles—C. W. E. Bishop (owe 15/2) v J. M. Kennedy (rec. 15).
Handicap Doubles—E. Grimbale and H. Owen Hughes (owe 3/6) v Dr. C. H. Burton and J. R. Collis (rec. 15/2).

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE.

ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS DAY.

The annual sports meeting of St. Paul's College was held at the Queen's College ground at Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon. A fall of rain had drenched the course, and the soft nature of the ground did not contribute to fast going. Nevertheless, the ardour of the students was such as to overcome all obstacles, and some keen contests were witnessed. A noteworthy feature was the breaking of the interschool record in the High Jump by Cheung Wing-kwong, whose height of 5 ft. 5 ins. was one inch better than the interschool record and two inches better than the previous record of the College. The Senior Championship was won by Tang Yang-shueung with 20 points, while the Junior Championship resolved itself into a tie between three students, Lee Kai-sun, Chan King-chiu, and Ng Po-kai, each of whom had eight points.

St. Joseph's College won the Invitation half-mile relay race after a close race with Queen's College and St. Stephen's.

Following were the results:
Event 1.—Senior Long Jump (Distance 17.2 ft.): 1, Chan Fook-chor; 2, Kong Yau-mung; 3, Chan King-chor.
Event 2.—Junior Long Jump (Time 12 3/5 sec.): 1, Li Kai-sun; 2, Chan King-chiu; 3, Wong Chee-sang.
Event 3.—Small Boys' 100 Yards (Time 14 sec.): 1, Yung Kee-fong; 2, Lee Yue-fong; 3, Chung Sau-chuen.
Event 4.—Senior 100 Yards (Time 11 1/5 sec.): 1, Tang Yang-shueung; 2, Chan King-chor; 3, Lee Yue-fong.
Event 5.—Inter-class Relay Race: 1, 3B Class.
Event 6.—Junior High Jump (Height 4' 8 1/2"): 1, Ng Po-kai; 2, Chung Sik-fan; 3, Chung Lui-lung.
Event 7.—Senior High Jump (Height 5' 5 ins.): 1, Chan Woon-chung; 2, Chan Fook-chor; 3, Lu Pui-jang.
Event 8.—Small Boys' High Jump (Height 4 ft. 1"): 1, Chung Wing-kwong; 2, Yung Kee-fong; 3, Wong Yin-kuen.
Event 9.—Junior 440 Yds (Time 65 sec.): 1, Chan Kwon-chiu; 2, Lee Kai-sun; 3, Wong Chee-sang.
Event 10.—Senior 1/4 mile (Time 61 sec.): 1, Tang Yang-shueung; 2, Chan King-chor; 3, Ip Sui-lung.
Event 11.—Small Boys' 1/4 mile (Time 72 3/5 sec.): 1, Chung Sau-chuen; 2, Lee Yue-fong; 3, Lee Wai-chee.
Event 12.—Senior 220 Yards (Time 25 1/5 sec.): 1, Tang Yau-shueung; 2, Chan Fook-chor; 3, Wong Sung-cheung.
Event 13.—Old Boys' Race (220 Yards (Time 25) 1, Eric Woon; 2, Chan Han-lung; 3, Hon Sun-hai.
Event 14.—Senior Hurdles 120 Yards (Time 18 1/5 sec.): 1, Tang Yau-shueung; 2, Chan Fook-chor; 3, Lee Kam-ming.

HOME FOOTBALL.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

The following are results of matches played in the English League to-day:

Division I.		
Birmingham	6 Bolton	1
Division II.		
Southampton	1 Chelsea	1
Division III (North).		
Doncaster	2 Halifax	0
Ashington	0 Walsall	2

Scottish League Table.

The Scottish League table (including matches played on April 2nd) is as follows:

Rangers	32	21	7	5	82	40	49
Motherwell	34	22	5	7	78	44	49
Celtic	32	19	6	7	92	43	44
Airdrie	34	17	6	11	89	60	40
Dundee	33	15	8	10	68	47	38
Falkirk	33	14	9	10	68	52	37
Aberdeen	34	12	9	7	67	64	37
C. Donbath	34	16	4	14	65	56	36
C. Hibernians	33	14	6	13	56	61	34
Heart of Midlothian	34	12	9	13	62	59	33
St. Mirren	34	14	5	15	67	66	33
Queen's Park	32	14	5	13	66	69	33
Partick	34	13	6	15	81	69	32
St. Johnstone	34	12	7	15	52	63	31
Kilmarnock	34	11	8	15	49	64	30
Hamilton	34	11	7	16	54	83	29
Morton	34	11	3	20	61	95	25
Clyde	34	8	7	19	50	84	23
Dunfermline	34	7	8	19	44	78	22
Dundee Utd.	34	5	7	22	46	94	17

LAWN BOWLS.

COLONY'S OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

The draw for the open singles championship run by the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association was made at the Kowloon Cricket Club last night. Some fifty-eight players had entered and the draw resulted as follows:

Byes.	
W. Russell.	First Round.
D. Reid.	N. Drummond v J. West.
	G. Wray v L. J. Davies.
	M. Leed v R. W. Lee.
	H. Buchanan v A. O. Brown.
	J. Massey v D. Gow.
	H. McKechnie v R. H. Whiteford.
	R. Lapsley v Nicholson.
	J. Laing v E. el Arreili.
	W. Glendinning v J. McLaughan.
	R. Bassie v J. Finch.
	J. Dobble v J. M. Orr.
	C. M. S. Alves v W. Hill.
	J. Sloan v A. G. Pile.
	B. E. Maughan v J. Muirhead.
	A. M. Holland v D. Hazell.
	E. Kern v C. Bennett.
	T. Grimes v J. Whyte.
	H. Overy v D. Ramjahn.
	W. Gorvin v D. Fritz.
	R. A. Smith v C. J. Tacchi.
	R. McKellar v J. Russell.
	T. D. E. Pendered v R. F. Luz.
	W. Muir v C. Atkinson.
	W. Macfarlane v R. Sutherland.
	H. McTavish v A. W. Gourlay.
	A. L. Shields v W. Wotherpoon.
	W. Sword v R. Duncan.
Byes.	
G. Edwards.	League Entries.
J. C. Brown.	The following Clubs have entered the League this season:

Division I.
Taiikoo Recreation Club.
Civil Service Cricket Club.
Graingerpower Cricket Club.
Kowloon Cricket Club.
Kowloon Recreation Club.
Kowloon Bowling Green Club.
Police Recreation Club.

Division II.
Taiikoo Recreation Club.
Civil Service Cricket Club.
Graingerpower Cricket Club.
Kowloon Cricket Club.
Kowloon Recreation Club.
Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

As there are seven entries for each division, each Club will have two blank days during the season and friendly matches may be arranged between teams who are not playing on these dates, if desired.

Events 15.—Junior Hurdles 120 Yards (Time 20 sec.): 1, Wong Kee-sang; 2, Ng Po-kai; 3, Chong Shiu-lung.
Events 17.—Challenge Relay Race (Present v. Old Boys): 1, The Old Boys.
Event 18.—1/4 mile: 1, Chan Shau-hing; 2, Ip Shiu-lun; 3, Lee Kam-ming.
Events 19.—Invitation Relay Race: 1, St. Joseph's College (Chan King-chiu, Silva and Chan Hau-lung).
Event 20.—One mile (Handicap) (Time 4:45): 1, Lo Chee-hing; 2, Chong Shiu-lung; 3, Chong Yau-lung.
Event 21.—One mile Bicycle (Time 4:18): 1, Hung Man-so; 2, Lo Ching-kan; 3, Tang Fook.
Event 22.—Boys' Scouts' Race (10th Troop): 1, Eagle Troop; 2, Bull Dog Troop.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

MIDDLESEX REGIMENT BEAT CAMERONIANS.

On the Hongkong Rugby Football Club's ground yesterday afternoon, a team from the Middlesex regiment beat a team from the Camerons by 40 points to 10.

In the first half, the Middlesex scored two goals and two tries and the Camerons managed to score a goal. After the interval the Middlesex had things pretty much their own way and scored three further goals and three tries against which the Camerons only scored one goal.

It is learned that Lieut. Worton and Lieut. Clinch who played for the Middlesex team have played in international matches at Home, the former in the English team and the latter in the Irish team. Lieut. Worton scored four tries during the match besides converting on several occasions and Lieut. Clinch was responsible for one try.

Final Score: Middlesex 40 points (5 goals and 5 tries) to Camerons 10 points (two goals).

SHANGHAI MOB.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Tuesday Municipal police stopped a party of four at the barricades and took them to the police station. Here it was found—the leader speaking perfect English—that one man carried a French pass in blank, and the quartette had used it throughout the Concession.

The leader was decidedly inclined to be impertinent, puffing away at a pipe while speaking to the inspector. He was quickly told to remove it, if he wished to continue the conversation. Minus the community pass, bearing the tri-colour, the quartette were again brought to the boundaries, but from inside this time, and told to get out, and not to return.

French Consulate Statement.

An official of the French Consulate, seen on Wednesday evening, admitted that the gates had been carried off in the Avenue des Deux Republiques; it was regrettable he said, but unimportant. As regards the absence of guards along the Siewawei Creek, he said this was a matter for the military; if the employment were empty there was no doubt a good reason. As for the Cantonese soldiers being allowed to roam about the Concession, he was unable to say anything.

Some time later the demonstration formed again but the crowd was more cautious than at first and contented itself with throwing stones and bricks at the barricades, the space in front of which was filled with litter.

Several French officials who attempted to get into the crowd were roughly handled. It is understood that three of the mob were taken into custody, but they were released later.

With the news of the outbreak, French patrols marched up and down the Boulevard des Deux Republiques throughout the night, while on the other side of the road police of the days before the Cantonese occupation police were in evidence.

A later survey of the outskirts of the Concession along Siewawei Road revealed that the sandbag emplacements were being manned. In addition French patrols were noticed on the roadway, and investigators were stopped several times on Avenue Petain and had to show their passes.

After midnight the situation in the Concession seemed to be well in hand.

Two More Attempts.

Two further assaults were made on Wednesday night on two of the positions besieged on Tuesday. Neither attempt was successful. The Annamite soldiers and police were forced to fire three times, but as far as is known there were no casualties.

On Tuesday night the mobs unhinged the central portions of two gates at two different places, one on Rue Montauban and the other along an extension near Shantung Road. The attempts last night were to remove the remaining portions of these gates, tear down the barbed wires and break up the sandbag emplacements.

When the mobs approached several hours before midnight, the military were waiting for them and drove them back. On their first onslaught the mob was confident and would not obey the guards. In order to prevent the soldiers from firing, they had placed children in the front rows, but a shot was fired over their heads. At this the mob broke, but they returned again and additional shots were fired, in no case any one being wounded.

Although the Clyde shipbuilding output for February was the lowest on record, only 14 craft being launched, the outlook is gradually improving, and a number of orders were booked during the month.

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TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,060 s.
Chartered Bank	\$21 s.
Mercantile & B. & C.	\$32 n.
Mercantile C.	\$13 1/2 n.
P. and O.	\$70 s.
East Asiatic	\$70 s.
Marine Ins.	
Canton Ins.	\$66 1/2 s.
China Underwriters	\$80 b
North China, Tls.	145 n.
Union Ins.	\$289 s.
Yankee Ins.	\$38 n.
Fire Ins.	
China Fire	\$205 b
Hongkong Fire	\$600 b
Shipping.	
Douglases	\$31 n.
Steamboats	\$193 b.
Tugs	\$110 n.
Indo-Chinas (Prof.)	\$30 s.
Shell Trans.	\$5/- n.
Star Ferries	\$53 s.
Waterboats	\$14 n.
Refineries.	
China Sugars	\$20 s.
Malabans	\$31 n.
Mining.	
Bonguots	\$1.55 X Div.
Kailans	38/- n.
Langkats	Tls. 22 n.
Shai Exploration	Tls. 4 n.
Shanghai Loans	Tls. 7 n.
Raubas	\$1 s.
Trochs	21/- n.
Ural Caspian	8/- n.
Docks, etc.	
Kowloon Wharves	\$100 s.
Whampoa Docks	\$40 n.
Hongkows	Tls. 150 n.
New Engineering	Tls. 5 1/2 n.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 101 b.
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hotels	\$6.90 s.
H.K. Lands	\$52 n.
Realty	\$6 b.
Territorials	\$24 s.
Humphreys	\$12 1/2 n.
Princes Bldgs	\$89 n.
Rural Lands	\$14 s.
Cottons.	
Ewo Cottons	Tls. 7.85 n.
Oriental	Tls. 24 n.
Shai Cottons	Tls. 54 n.
Buses, Trams.	
China Buses	Tls. 9 1/2 n.
Tramways	\$20 1/2 s.
Peak Trams (old)	\$15 1/2 n.
Spore Tractions	11/- s.
Taxis	\$1 s.
Miscellaneous.	
Amusements	\$17.60 s.
Canton Ice	\$5 n.
Cements (Comb.)	\$7 b.
China Lights	\$14 s.
China Prov.	\$3.90 b.

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The competition is run in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks ended October 9th and 16th, 1926.

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Blackburn	v Derby.
Bury	v Leeds.
Wednesday	v Aston Villa.

DIVISION II.	
Barnsley	v South Shields.
Blackpool	v Southampton.

DIVISION III (SOUTH).	
Gillingham	v Swindon.
Newport	v Millwall.

DIVISION III (NORTH).	
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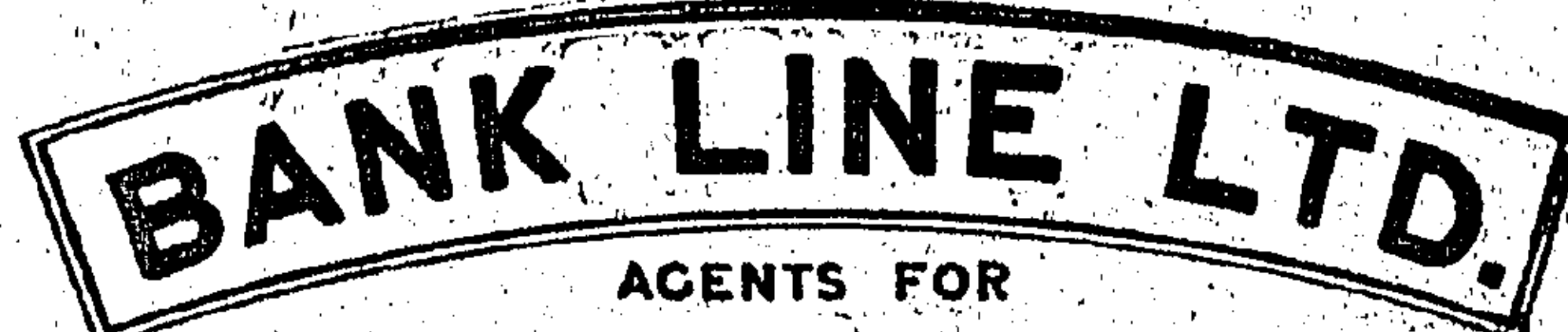
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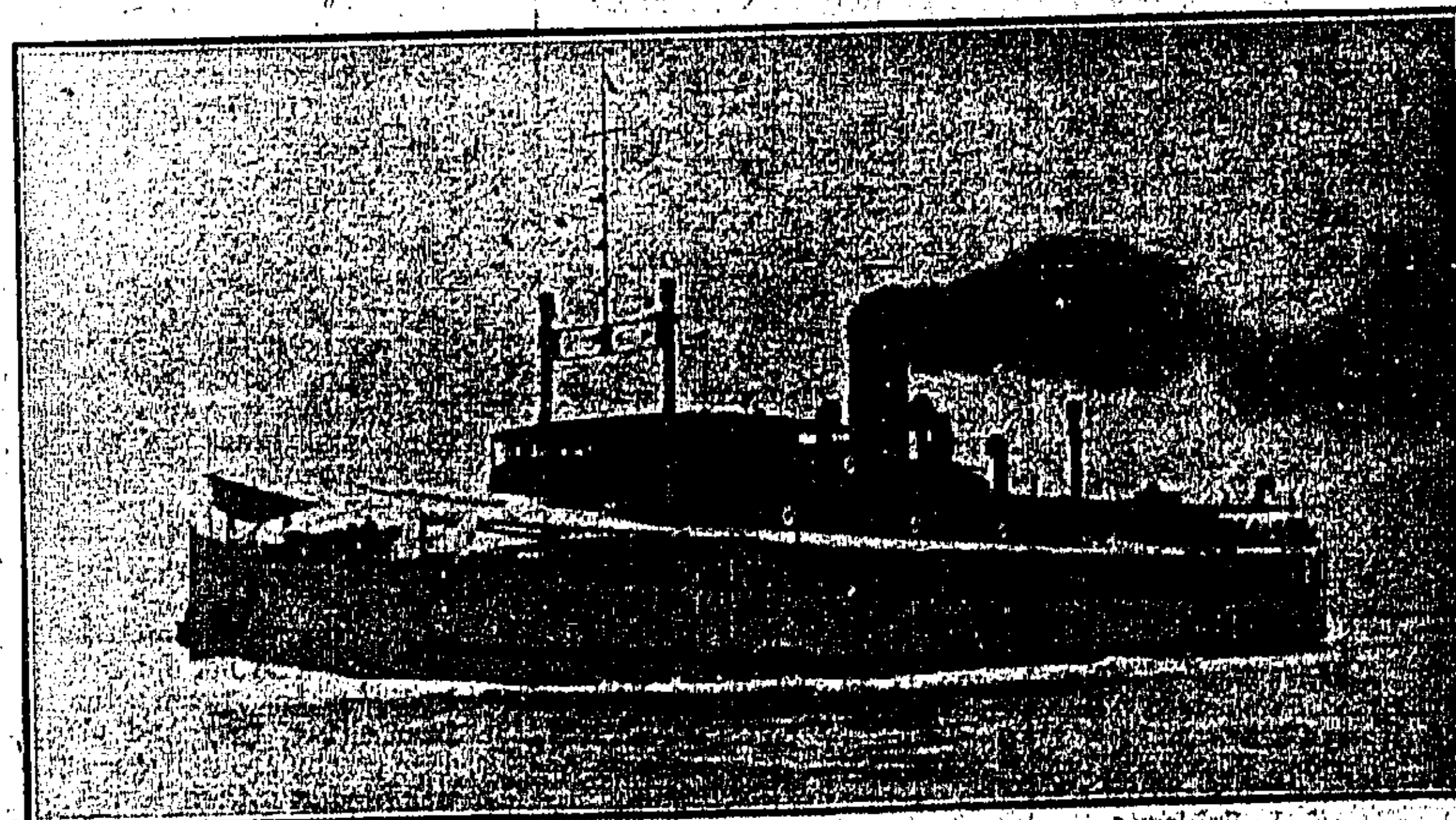
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MOB INCENDIARISM AT HANKOW.

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The latest reports from Nanking showed that conditions were becoming more normal in regard to the Chinese population, but the attitude of the Nationalists towards foreigners and foreign property was every day becoming increasingly truculent. British steamers leaving the port had been heavily fired on from the waterfront and the looting of foreign houses still continued. All foreigners had been brought out of the city.

In the Interior.

All British subjects in the interior had been advised since last November to withdraw to places of safety. In a continuous process of that nature it was impossible to have a series of exact dates, but on March 26th the British Consular Offices at Ningpo, Swatow, Foochow, Chinkiang, Wuhu, Kiukiang, Hankow, Yunnanfu and Kuangchow were warned to be prepared to evacuate the treaty ports if necessary. On March 28th that advice was extended to British subjects in the interior of the Chefoo, Tsingtao and Tsifan consular districts, and on March 30th to every part of the interior of China. Chungking had been completely evacuated as had also Changsha, except for the British Consul and the Mother Superior of the Franciscan Mission and the British warships stationed there. Ichang was to be similarly evacuated at the earliest possible date.

Responsibility Fixed.

In regard to the responsibility for the outrages at Nanking, the British Consul-General there had stated that the outstanding fact which could be proved beyond question was that the looting and the killing were the work of Hunanese Nationalist soldiers in uniform. It was an established fact that foreigners were shot down in cold blood by Nationalist soldiers and it was equally established that practically every foreign house, including three Consulates, was gutted and that at least eight foreign houses were burnt down by Nationalist soldiers.—British Wireless.

DESERVED REBUKE.

House of Commons' Scene.

London, April 4.
"I do not feel it to be my duty, as does apparently the Honourable Member, to disbelieve every British representative," retorted Sir Austen Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day amid loud Ministerial cheers, to Mr. George Lansbury, who urged the creation of an independent Commission in view of the discrepancy between Sir Austen Chamberlain's and Mr. Eugene Chen's statements regarding Nanking.

Mr. Lansbury then rose to a point of order, amid Ministerial protests. This scene occurred on the discussion of a private notice of question regarding what Sir Austen Chamberlain termed the "libellous statements being circulated in Britain that incendiary shells had destroyed half Nanking and killed over 2,000 Chinese."

Some merriment was caused earlier by Mr. E. Thurtle (Labour) stressing Mr. Eugene Chen's declaration, dealing with the attack on foreigners and looting at Nanking, "that it was not Cantonese soldiers but other brigands and troops who borrowed Cantonese uniforms." It was the word "other" that raised the storm of laughter.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, answering, said that if Mr. Eugene Chen said that, he said what was contrary to the facts.

Sir A. H. Sinclair (Caithness) emphasised that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek corroborated the foreign Consuls' report which was only disputed by Mr. Eugene Chen who had not been within hundreds of miles of Nanking.—*Reuter*.

NAVAL PREPARATIONS.

To Attack Southerners.

Shanghai, April 4.
It is rumoured that the Northern Chinese naval forces are planning another attack on the Nationalist naval forces, and the latter are preparing.—*Naval Wireless*.

Shanghai, April 5.
The Shantung Squadron left Tsingtao for Shanghai on Saturday. Upon receipt of this report, Admiral Yang Shu-chang, the Southern naval chief, ordered the Shanghai cruisers to mobilise, and be prepared for action, fearing that the Tsingtao cruisers might attack Shanghai.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has ordered that all the forces at the various forts should take orders direct from Admiral Yang.

General Wang Pak-ling, a cadet chief, has been appointed Commander of the Kiangyin fort.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

CHIANG TALKS.

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No Personal Negotiations.

Q. "Are you prepared at this moment—you personally—to open negotiations with foreign powers on the question of extraterritoriality and treaty rights—and to make a settlement that will be recognized by China on this question?"

A. "No. That must be up to the Hankow government. But prior to any final settlement I will probably direct negotiations with the foreign authorities. I have received no instructions from my government as to this yet, however."

Q. "Are peace negotiations pending or in progress between you, Marshal Feng Yu-shan and Marshal Chang Tso-lin?"

A. "There are negotiations pending between myself and General Feng. There are no negotiations pending between the Nationalist Army and Marshal Chang Tso-lin."

Q. "Are you assuming the responsibility for the Nanking uprising and have you found the cause?"

A. "I am conducting a very extensive investigation into the Nanking affair. At present I do not know—I have had no report on it. We are proceeding gradually—and we expect to find it all out."

Q. "Can we get a copy of that report when it comes in?"

A. "Yes. Does the bombardment of Nanking by the American authorities mean that there is a change of policy on the part of the American government?" Marshal Chiang countered.

He Puts Question.

"Our newspaper dispatches have said nothing about any change in policy," was the reply.

"Do you think the American bombardment of Nanking was justified?" the Marshal asked.

"Yes. It was the only means of saving American lives, as far as we can learn?" the reporter replied. "Why?"

"Prior to the Nanking incident," the general explained, "the United States Government always was friendly to the Nationalists. But since the bombardment the Chinese believe that the United States is now co-operating with the British and others in a movement against the Nationalists. I would like you to convey to the public that my idea of the Nanking bombardment was an act of oppression on the part of the American government. It is my point of view that such a bombardment looks like the beginning of a joint offensive by Britain and America. As to the loss of life, I am not in a position to know until the investigation is concluded. But if the United States of America or any American citizen has any apprehension regarding danger to lives and property or fear that any Chinese will injure American lives, the first thing they should do is to report such to the Nationalist authorities and ask for protection. I will personally guarantee their safety."

CHIANG AND WANG.

New Compact Arranged.

Shanghai, April 5.
A mass meeting will be held by the Kuomintang members and public organisations here to celebrate the return of Mr. Wang Ching-wei.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has issued a circular telegram to the commanders of the various Nationalist armies and the Kuomintang branches announcing that on Mr. Wang's arrival here he had a hearty discussion with him on important questions concerning the Kuomintang and the national affairs. The result was very satisfactory.

Marshal Chiang declares that in future all Party, political, financial and diplomatic affairs will be directed by Mr. Wang Ching-wei, whilst Chiang himself will devote his entire attention to military affairs and the Northern Expedition so as to accomplish the National Revolutionary movement. Chiang states that he will abide by all orders of Mr. Wang and will give him hearty support and co-operation.

It is understood that Mr. Wang will go up to Hankow very shortly and he may return to Shanghai later.

Marshal Chiang called an important conference of his loyal followers here yesterday evening. The proceedings were kept very secret.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

SHANGHAI BARRICADES.

Removal Asked For.

Shanghai, April 5.
General Pei Chung-hai has sent representatives to call on the Consular Body asking that the barricades on the Concession borders should be removed and the arms recently taken by the foreign forces from the Shantung and Fengtien armies be returned to the Nationalists.

It is reported that Mr. Eugene Chen arrived at Shanghai yesterday.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

THE WRONG MAN.

PUBLIC APOLOGY IN COURT.

A defendant made a public apology and expressed his sincere regrets to a plaintiff in the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. P. Jacks, acting Pulano Judge, in a case in which damages were claimed in respect of imprisonment of the plaintiff on a false charge by the defendant. In view of the apology, the solicitors concerned agreed that the claim should be withdrawn.

The plaintiff, Ng Hong-yuen, clerk of the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation, 6, Queen's Road Central, claimed against Leung Cho Yuen Fuk, 9, Queen's Road East, \$500 damages, \$50 medical expenses, and \$25 expenses declaring that Leung had caused him to be wrongly imprisoned on a false charge.

The Incident.

It appears that on the night of February 19th, 1927, in Queen's Road East, the defendant, who was accompanied by another man, overtook the plaintiff, and falsely accused him of having purchased a tin of "Capstan" cigarettes from his (defendant's) shop with a forged \$10 note. They forcibly detained the plaintiff, and took him back to the shop, where they searched and assaulted him, striking him in the left eye, chest, and other parts of his body. He was then taken to No. 2 Police Station, Wanchai, where the defendant repeated the false charge, and caused the plaintiff to be imprisoned from about 11 p.m. on the night of February 19th, until about 7 a.m. the next morning.

Mr. M. K. Lo was for the plaintiff and the defendant was represented by Mr. D. L. Strellett.

Mistaken Identity.

This morning, when the case came on after having been adjourned, Mr. Strellett said that since the plaintiff gave his evidence and after making further enquiries, his client was now satisfied that the man who went into the shop and bought the tin of cigarettes with one forged \$10 bill was not the plaintiff, and that the allegations which had been made against the plaintiff were entirely based upon mistaken identity. In these circumstances, he was instructed to tender to the plaintiff the defendant's sincere regrets and apologies for any pain inflicted upon him by the allegations, and also for the assault which was committed on him in the mistaken belief that he was the man who uttered the forged bill. He understood from Mr. Lo that in view of this frank and unqualified withdrawal of all allegations against the plaintiff and of the expression of regrets and apologies which he had just made, the plaintiff was willing to withdraw the action, each party to pay its own costs.

Plaintiff Satisfied.

After referring to the aspersions that had been cast on the plaintiff's character, which the other side now agreed were groundless, Mr. Lo said that having heard Mr. Strellett he was instructed to say that his client was satisfied. His client appreciated that the mistake made by the defendant was made bona fide and in good faith, and in the circumstances he was instructed to ask his Lordship to allow the action to be withdrawn, each party paying its own costs.

After remarking that the note appeared to be a very clever forgery, his Lordship permitted the claim to be withdrawn, each party to pay his own costs.

H.M. cruiser Calliope, which has been refitted, was commissioned at Chatham Dockyard recently, and, after carrying out a series of trials, is to join the Nore Reserve Fleet.

CHIANG'S HEADQUARTERS.

Taken Over By Extremists.

Shanghai, April 5.
The Central Military Council in Hankow, recently by the Hankow extremists created, has taken over Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's Army Headquarters in Hankow and has had all the high officers there dismissed.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

AMERICAN NATIONALS.

Evacuation Instructions.

Shanghai, April 5.
According to Chinese reports from Peking, the United States Minister has ordered that all the American nationals should be concentrated in ports along the coast and leave China entirely in case of emergency. All the American missionary institutions, business offices and other properties should be handed over to the Chinese Government temporarily.

It is also reported that the British military authorities are providing accommodation in Tientsin for troops.—*Nam Chung Pao*.

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